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1 dozen Dinner Forks, 1 dozen Dessert Forks, 1 dozen Tea Spoons, 1 dozen Table Spoons, 1 dozen Dessert Spoons, 1 dozen Coffee Spoons, Berry Spoon, Sugar Spoon, Cheese Scoop, Sugar Tongs, Butter Knife.

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We are sole agents for the sale of the above goods in Victoria.

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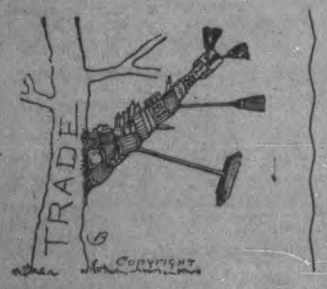

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To make a Pudding with our Cleaned Currants.

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We will show you the finest Line of

XMAS PERFUMERY

Ever exhibited in British Columbia. These goods will be on view in our show windows in a day or two.

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We will display in our show window, cor. Yates and Broad Streets, a choice assortment of

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And Novelties; newest Odors in exquisite designs. A fine line of Toilet Cases in new designs, and other goods.

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Successors to Dean & Cryderman, Chemists and Druggists.

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The successful English actor-singer, Chas. J.

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Supported by Miss Bertha Darrell, Mr. Johnny Dinsdale, Little Baby Newman, and a complete and efficient cast, in his great Anglo-Swiss impersonation of

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In White's charming musical comedy entitled

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originally known and played by Miss Minnie Palmer as "MY SWEETHEART, but rewritten and permeated with beautiful singing. The musical numbers are: "Buy my Dolls," "Baby Coquette," "Alice," "Sweet and Low," "Pleasures Await You," "Sweetest Story Ever Told," "Be Mine," "Snap Shot Medley," and "No One like Mother to Me."

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All kinds of Fancy Wire Work; Flower Stands, Hanging Baskets, Fire Screens, Lamp Shades, Parrot Cages, Floral and Cemetery Designs. If you require anything in our line give us a call.

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GEORGE BYRNES, AUCTIONEER

AUCTION

Tuesday, December 17th, at 11 a.m.

FURNITURE, PERSONAL EFFECTS, Etc, Etc.

INTESTATE ESTATE SALE.

I have been instructed by the Official Administrator to sell at my rooms, 22 Yates street, re Mattie Smith, Hannah Flike, deceased.

1 marble top bedroom suite, 4 pieces, 3 solid oak bedroom suites, spring mattresses, bedding, blankets, pillows, chamber sets, Brussels and tapestry carpets, lamps, window blinds, curtains and poles, handsome parlor suite (6 pieces), in walnut and plush, 2 large silk curtains, 3 mirrors, 5 mahogany dining chairs, (morocco leather), settee, easy chairs, a fine velvet cord bed lounge, (made in Boston), easy chairs, parlor tables, dining table, fine mantel clock with bronze figure, 2 nice velveteen chairs, marble centre table and lamp, 3 hanging lamps, 1 invalid's extension chair in leather, several fine engravings and oil paintings, plate ware, cruets, cake dishes, etc., parlor, hall, and bedroom stoves and piping.

A lot of valuable jewelry, watches, rings, bracelets, in diamonds and sapphires.

Albion and Franconia ranges, Alaska refrigerator, cooking utensils, crockery, glassware, granite ware, meat safe, cupboard, table, trunks, valises, etc.

dec13 G. BYRNES, Auctioneer.

Cable News.

London, Dec. 13.—Advices received here from Antananarivo, capital of the island of Madagascar, under date of November 30th, say an anti-European mob, to the number of six thousand persons, destroyed the mission station at Ramainandre.

Good Xmas Gifts.

Razors, shaving outfits, sporting and pocekt knives, table cutlery, carving sets, all A1 goods, at Fox's, 78 Government street.

STAMPEDE IN STAMBOUL

A Striking Evidence of the State of Nervous Apprehension in Turkey.

Two Armenians Quarrelling Places a City in Terrible Panic for Two Hours.

Turkish Officials Say it Was a Pre-Arranged Affair to Create a Disturbance.

New York, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Herald from Vienna says:

General Nigra, Italy's ambassador in Vienna, says that it was impossible to say what would be the outcome of the present situation in Southeastern Europe. The fear of war, however, would probably prevent collisions between the Powers. The semi-official Pesther Lloyds says the Sultan's just suspicion of the loyalty of the Triple Alliance and the Powers has given deep offence. Count Goluchowsky's object is to preserve, not to destroy, the Ottoman empire. He refused to sanction the proposed coercive measures. The situation will remain serious until the promises are realized. The Tageblatt says improvement is impossible under the reign of the Sultan.

Constantinople, Dec. 13.—There was a disturbance in Stamboul to-day, and it caused a spread of rumors so alarming that Galata and Pera were soon in a state of panic, and serious outbreaks were threatened. This, in view of the passage through the Dardanelles of the British gunboat Dryad and the Italian gunboat Archimede, the extra guard ships for the British and Italian embassies, formed the basis for the reports that the rioting predicted by Yildiz Kiosk courtiers, had actually commenced; but, happily, the trouble was not of a serious nature, although the Armenians, as usual, were accused of having attempted to bring about an uprising of the populace.

The panic this morning, however, was a most extraordinary occurrence, and furnished striking evidence of the state of nervous apprehension which prevails here as one of the results of the long drawn-out negotiations between the Powers and the Sultan regarding the suppression of outbreaks in Asiatic Turkey and the admittance of extra guardships into the Bosphorus. The least note of alarm suffices to produce widespread terror. If proof were needed that the Powers were right in their insistance in having additional protection for the foreign poulation of Constantinople and its vicinity, it was furnished by the occurrences of to-day.

Simmered down to bare facts, the cause of the panic was, on the face of it, a fierce quarrel between two Armenians in the Stamboul quarter during which they came to blows and attracted a large crowd about them. Finally one of the Armenians drew a revolver and fired at his opponent. The shot was the signal for an uproar, a stampede of people, and eventually a panic which spread far and wide from one end of the city to the other, until matters began to look very serious indeed. The Armenians and other Christians, terrified by the shouting and yelling, the rushing here and there of the excited crowds, naturally imagined that a fresh massacre had commenced, and they were seized with a feeling of terror, which grew in strength as time wore on and the confusion increased. Large numbers of people fled hither and thither aimlessly, helplessly. It is difficult to describe to those unacquainted with the vagaries of the population of this city, and who are not familiar with the state of nervous tension which has existed here for months past, the scene of incredible alarm and disorder which prevailed here.

At the height of the excitement this morning, every man seen in the streets seemed to have lost his head, and it would not have needed much more to have actually precipitated a terrible outbreak. Ordinary police officials, as well as the military police who have been patrolling the streets since the last outbreak here, seemed to be among the first to catch the panic, for they hurried to their different headquarters, as if bringing orders previously given, and it was not until the alarm began to subside that they reappeared and began to busy themselves with their duties. From Stamboul the wave of terror, swept to Galata and Pera, carried onward by the panic-stricken fugitives from the first named quarter, who were evidently under the impression that they were fleeing for their lives. The inhabitants of Galata quickly caught the fever of alarm and in turn shut their stores and houses, and joined in the scene of confusion, an example which was quickly followed by the people of the Pera quarter. Seeing the people fleeing through the streets in terror caused others to do the same until the air was filled with excited cries and noise of the rushing multitudes.

Those who did not join in the stampede barricaded themselves within their houses and prepared to see their most horrible fears realized. Armenian porters, when the alarm was first spread, hastily dropped their loads in the streets and fled to the nearest place of safety. Drivers deserted their horses, mules or donkeys; servants ran away from their employers; many sought refuge in the churches and mosques; the old and feeble were trampled upon, and many were severely injured during the brief reign of terror. Finally the gendarmes circulated among the people and explained to them the real state of affairs which soon caused the majority to return to their usual occupations somewhat disgusted at having been so needlessly frightened. The Turkish officials, however, rightly or wrongly, claimed that the quarrel between the two Armenians in the Stamboul quarter was a pre-arranged affair and that the firing of the revolver was intended as a signal to cause an outbreak which, it is added, was averted by the prompt and effective measures taken by the police. Be that as it may, the whole affair clearly demonstrates how small a spark is required to start a terrible conflagration here. The panic lasted exactly two hours.

JACK GONE BELOW

A Company of Forty-Eight Men of H. M. S. Edgar Drowned at Chemulpo.

Cowardly Slaughter of Deserters by Spanish Marines—Disturbing News.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—The steamer City of Pekin has arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama, bringing the following advices:

News has been received of the massacre of twenty-five Manilla soldiers who had deserted from Taitam, a military station. The Spanish gunboat Marques del Ducro visited Sandakan in search of the deserters. Two men were decoyed to the beach and gave up their arms. The men were surrounded by a force of Spanish marines and borne to Dyaks, and at a given signal fire was opened on the deserters. Some rushed into the water, where they were slaughtered, and all perished. Many of the bodies were mutilated.

The loss of life on the steamer Kung Pai, which blew up at sea, was 350, instead of 800, as reported. In addition 150 were badly scalded and burned. Of the officers and crew only 13 were saved. Most of the killed were Chinese soldiers.

As a result of the recent Chinese conspiracy to capture Canton thirty-five Chinese have been executed. The Hsien Fu correspondent of the North China Daily News writes that the Mohammendan rebellion in the northwest is spreading.

At Chemulpo November 13, forty-eight men of H.M.S. Edgar were drowned. A company of seventy-one men were returning from shore in a boat, which was capsized by a heavy sea. All were drowned except three officers and eighteen men.

ANXIOUS TO BE PROTECTED.

Mr. Lowther Wants To See Free Trade Abolished in Britain.

London, Dec. 13.—At a conference in St. James' hall to-day, called to consider the existing fiscal system of the country, Mr. James W. Lowther, Conservative M. P. for the middle division of Cumberland, and formerly under secretary for foreign affairs, stated, amid uproar and applause, that he "desired to see in this country a reinstitution of protection." Mr. Lowther added: "Since the institution of what is called free trade the public feeling has veered around to protection, and it is our duty to convince the country that the present fiscal system is not satisfactory. I am not a believer in specific duties, except on a sliding scale which would accommodate the duties to the needs of the country. I wish to see preferential trade established between the mother country and her colonies." Mr. Lowther also maintained that protection in its most extreme form had improved the condition of agriculture in France, adding: "As for the royal commission on agriculture, it has been packed and every protectionist excluded. Therefore its report will be worthless." Finally a resolution in favor of protection for native industries was carried.

THE CUBAN REVOLUTION.

The City of Santa Clara Preparing for a Raid Upon It.

Havana, Dec. 13.—Owing to the consternation of the engineer of a passenger train on account of the firing upon his train by the insurgents, a collision occurred to-day at Caibarion, on the northern coast of Santa Clara, between a pilot train and a passenger train, and as a result one soldier was killed and six injured.

The city of Santa Clara is throwing up fortifications and making other preparations for defence against a raid by the cavalry of Gomez and Maceo. The forces of the insurgent leaders camped last night on the farm of Mahajani at Mancaragua, and have gone towards Siguanea, about three leagues to the southwest. He is shaping his course for Matanzas, by way of Cienfuegos, which point the railroad touches.

New York, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the World from Kingston, Jamaica, says: Some Cubans embarked in rowboats here and boarded a strange steamer in the offing. They said they were going fishing when they got into the boats, and as they were unarmed the detectives watching them were powerless. The steamer, it is believed, carries an expedition from Venezuela.

CROWING TOO SOON

Conservative Congratulations Over North Ontario May Prove a Little Premature.

McGillivray is Pledged to the McCarthy-Wallace Party on the School Question.

American Sailors Who Befriended Canadians in Distress Cannot be Found.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The friends of Clarke Wallace are jubilant here to-day, saying that Mr. McGillivray is pledged to join the McCarthy-Wallace party on the school question when the vote comes up in parliament.

It will be remembered that McGillivray refused to pledge himself to the government on this question, and it is now said that there was a private understanding between himself and Wallace. The members of the government are very much annoyed over this.

In 1895 the department of marine and fisheries of Canada started to recognize the bravery of American mariners. Accordingly four cheques for $20 each and testimonials were sent to the secretary of state at Washington to be presented to four members of the crew of the bark Edith Rose, who rescued the crew of the Canadian schooner Tampoo, of New Brunswick. It seems the Washington authorities have not yet been able to locate the sailors, and the cheques and testimonials were to-day received back at the Dominion department.

The final returns in North Wellington are: McGillivray, 2108; Brandon, 1314; Gillespie, 1124.

Owen Sound, Dec. 13.—The trial of the Queen against Miss Helen Findlay, for manslaughter of George E. Green, a lad of 15 from the Barnado home in Toronto, was begun at the assize court to-day. Evidence was given that the woman was very powerful, that she beat him, struck him with a cordwood stick, and, as a punishment, made him sleep in the pigsty.

St. Catharines, Dec. 13.—The Welland canal was closed by ice to-day and the railways whose lines cross the canal have received orders to block up their bridges for the winter.

UNCLE SAM'S FINANCES.

Members Want to Know How They Stand—Immigration Bill.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Several Republican members of the house have been in consultation since the President's message was made public to devise means whereby they could secure a definite statement of the condition of the treasury. Mr. Walker, of Massachusetts, will endeavor to bring about an investigation of the finances by an expert under the direction of the committee on appropriations.

Some misapprehension exists as to the exact features of the bill introduced by Senator Lodge for restricting immigration. The bill provides for keeping out immigrants who cannot read and write some language, while the impression obtains that it means immigrants who cannot read and write the English language are to be precluded.

Senor Andrade, the Venezuelan minister to the United States, has received a cablegram from Caracas, from his government, entirely disavowing the publication in the London Times, giving what purported to be an interview with President Crespo. No such statements, it was said, have ever been made by the government. The article referred to, quoted President Crespo as expressing a willingness to make reparation to Great Britain for the Uruan incident, which Lord Salisbury is endeavoring to separate from the long pending boundary dispute. The public statement that Senor Martinez is in London on a secret mission to the British government from the government of Venezuela, is denied also.

TWO RAILROAD WRECKS,

With Fortunately Very Little Loss of Life Attending Them.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—The southwestern express on the Pennsylvania road, which left here at 10.27 o'clock last night, was wrecked before it got out of the city. It struck a freight caboose, wrecking the locomotive and several cars. Engineer John Shenberger, of this city, was killed.

Two coaches of the Philadelphia & Reading passenger train jumped the track at Morristown last night. Thirty-five passengers were in the cars, but no one was killed. The most seriously injured person is Col. James Boyd, one of the directors of the Philadelphia & Reading road; he may not recover. The cars were derailed by a defective switch.

The leaves of cocoa are so exceedingly strong that four or five of them will make as much tea as a dozen people can use.

Tea has been found growing wild in South China, Siam, Burmah and the region in India immediately south of the Himalayas.

WEALTH HATH WINGS

Alexander Collie, Once Famous Financier and Multi-Millionaire Dies a Pauper.

Noted Confederate Blockade Runner —Once Failed for $20,000,000 Cornering Cotton.

New York, Dec. 13.—Two men were the only mourners at Woodlawn cemetery yesterday at the funeral services over the body of Alexander Collie, a man who a few years ago was known in every European capital. In the civil war he was a noted blockade runner, who established headquarters at Wilmington, North Carolina, under the guns of Fort Fisher. This blockade king carried on a thriving trade in articles of war, and exported the cotton of the South. Collie, who at one time could have drawn his cheque for millions of dollars, died almost destitute, and his funeral expenses were paid by the son of an old friend. There was no name on the coffin plate, for he died under the assumed name of George McNeill.

Alexander Collie's home in London, situated in Kensington Gardens, was one of princely hospitality. It was gorgeously fitted up, has had a corps of liveried servants, and the entertainments given there were extravagant and lavish. This grand establishment was especially made the home of Confederate officials and friends of the Confederacy in England, and Mr. Collie had often as his guests ex-United States Senator J. S. Mason, the Confederate minister to England, and Mr. Riddell, the Confederate representative in France. In Wilmington, North Carolina, the firm leased one of the handsomest houses in the city.

Following the successful trade and speculations during the war, Alexander Collie & Co. went into the cotton and cotton goods trade, and opened branches in England, Austria, India and South America. Operations were begun on a gigantic scale, and in a short time a corner on cotton goods in all the markets of the world in the early '70's caused Collie & Co. to make the largest failure known in the history of commerce. The liabilities above the available assets were about £40,000,000, equivalent to $200,000,000. Alexander Collie, the head of the house, who was held responsible for the failure, had to flee from England, and he was spirited away in the private yacht of a friend, in which he sailed to Barcelona, Spain. His flight from England caused an immense sensation, and although pursued by dozens of detectives, he eluded them. From Spain he went to South America, and in a few years reappeared at the White Sulphur Springs as a travelling artist, George McNeill by name. He was there recognized by George P. Grant, a wealthy Englishman, who owns a handsome estate at the springs. Mr. Grant kept Collie's secret, and he remained in that vicinity for several years. He afterwards went to Richmond, where, owing to his personal knowledge of finances, he became associated with Colonel H. C. Parsons, James G. Blaine, General Butler and several others in the Richmond & Allegheny railway.

Prosperous for a time, he projected other railways, but misfortune seemed to follow him, and finally he again became embarrassed, and, comparatively without means, came to this city. One of the strangest things in connection with the blockade king was that although he lived in comparative poverty in New York his wife was living in luxury in London. As Alexander Collie he was supposed to have been lost at sea. He evidently made a disposition of some property in favor of his wife, and went to a life of obscurity and poverty alone. He was turned out of the Harlem flat, where he lived several years ago, and went to live at the Colonial hotel, at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street. There he was found by several friends, among them Richard Lamb, eldest son of Colonel Lamb, of Fort Fisher. These men experienced much difficulty in aiding him on account of his pride.

JAPAN FOOLS THE SILVER MEN.

She Will Not Buy Silver With Her Gold Indemnity.

New York, Dec. 13.—The sharp fall in silver to 29 15-16d. per ounce in London is believed to be due to the fact that the Chinese indemnity to Japan, so far as paid, was deposited in the Bank of England and has been turned over to the Japanese government, which, instead of spending it in the purchase of silver for use in Japan, as was expected, is now lending it in the London money market. This is construed to mean that the money, which was paid in gold, will be expended in Europe, probably in the purchase of warships and material. This is naturally very disappointing to the London speculators in the white metal, who had accumulated a very large stock of it, and has caused them to unload, with the resulting decrease in price. At present, also, the market for rupee paper is slow.

HIS POWER OVER WOMEN.

A Doctor's Testimony in the Trial of Ish and Wife for Murder.

Omaha, Dec. 13.—The jury to try Jas. Ish and wife for the murder of William Chapple, of Kansas City, was secured to-day. This morning a startling bit of testimony concerning the manner in which the victim is said to have secured power over Mrs. Ish and other women, developed in the statement of Dr. Solomon. Solomon claims to have been well acquainted with Chapple and to have had many dealings with him, and to have evidence that Chapple was a hypnotist and used drugs for the purpose of gaining control over women.

"It was in December, I think," said Dr. Solomon, "that Chapple came to my office and introduced himself. He showed me a box containing a yellow powder and asked me if I knew what it was. He went on to say that if he gave a woman any of that powder he would have absolute control over her. I said that it must be the loco-blossom and he replied that it was. I am familiar with the drug and know of its effects when used. I discovered in my business relations with him that he had used his power over many girls."

WILL THE CLAIM BE PAID?

New Venezuelan Foreign Minister Anti English and a Radical.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Venezuelan legation has not received confirmation of the report of the appointment of a new cabinet by President Crespo, although such appointment has been expected for weeks. Rojas, who is reported to be the new minister of foreign affairs preceded Dr. Pulido, the retiring minister, and wrote the decisive letter to Great Britain refusing to apologize for the Uruan incident. His letter, heretofore published, took the ground that the Uruan matter is not a question of personal outrage to Police Inspector Barnes as claimed by Great Britain, but involves the entire question of territorial rights between Venezuela and Great Britain. He urged that arbitration of the right of possession of the Uruan district was necessarily preliminary to determining whether the British police inspector was rightfully or wrongfully there.

This letter was written a year ago when Great Britain made her first protest. Afterward Rojas gave way to Dr. Pulido, a Conservative diplomatist of mature years. Rojas is a Liberal, as well as a Radical, so that his return to power is hardly consistent with the reports from Caracas that President Crespo is inclined to pay the indemnity the British claim for the Uruan incident.

THE QUAKERS ARE SHOCKED

At the Prevalence of Vice, Immorality and Crime in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 13.—There has perhaps never been an occasion in this city when the prevalence of vice, immorality and crime has been so prominently brought before the public as at to-day's session of the senate investigation committee, when Lawyer Pettit resumed the inquiry into the police bureau. Evidence was given in a general way indicating that houses of ill-fame, "speak-easies," policy shops and opium joints flourish in the police districts, in the slums and under the very eyes of the patrolmen, with apparently but little interruption.

TRUNK LINE ASSOCIATION.

Have Come to an Agreement Which Operates in the New Year.

New York, Dec. 13.—The afternoon session yesterday of the joint traffic association lasted until five o'clock. The new agreement, signed by the different roads in the association, will go into effect with the first of the year. There was no meeting of the board of managers to-day, but will probably meet to-morrow. It is hardly likely that they will name the commissioners for some time. The board of control will meet subject to the call of the chairman.

HONEST HELP.

Thousands of men are suffering because they lack the courage to make known their early errors and to endeavor to remedy them. Nervous weakness, loss of manhood and the many ills due to early indiscretions, excesses or overwork can be quickly, successfully and permanently cured, if you will only let the right people know what ails you. Write to me in confidence and I will tell you, free of charge, how to get cured. I have nothing to sell, but am desirous of honestly helping you. Perfect secrecy assured. Describe your case and address with stamp:—L. A. Edwards, P. O. Box 55, Jarvis, Ont. *

CARD PLAYING IN A CHURCH.

Chicago Presbyterians Would Like a Blessing On Their Poker Games.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Policemen are on guard at the Campbell Park Presbyterian church to prevent card playing within the sacred edifice. The card parties were given in the church every time the janitor was away, and were participated in by a number of residents in the vicinity. They began playing in the church at the beginning of the cold season, when it was necessary to keep the house warm two or three days preceding each Sunday. The games were spirited affairs. Select poker sittings were held every night until the janitor came into the games. The janitor took a hand and dealt a club to each player. They refused at first to leave the church, but he gave them several new decks, playing clubs every time.

FRANKLIN MINE VICTIMS

Bones of the Men Killed Last October Identified.

Seattle, Dec. 13.—The rescue party at the Franklin mine have recovered the bodies of George W. Smalley, John Adams, James Stafford and John H. Glover, the four men who descended to close a door during the fire on October 17 last, but never returned. Nothing was found but blackened bones, and the remains were identified by articles known to be on the bodies, such as a watch, two keys and a rule. The mine will send out coal inside of a month.

None But Ayer's at the World's Fair.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla enjoys the extraordinary distinction of having been the only blood purifier allowed on exhibit at the World's Fair, Chicago. Manufacturers of other sarsaparillas sought by every means to obtain a showing of their goods, but they were all turned away under the application of the rule forbidding the entry of patent medicines and nostrums. The decision of the World's Fair authorities in favor of Ayer's Sarsaparilla was in effect as follows: Ayer's Sarsaparilla is not a patent medicine. It does not belong to the list of nostrums. It is here on its merits."

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

THE MONEY MARKET

All the Speculative Markets Were Flat, Closing at About the Worst

And Will be So Till After the Holidays—Bank of England Statement

London, Dec. 12.—All the speculative markets were flat to-day, closing at about the worst. Mines led the fall on heavy sales from Paris, followed by a scare here, accompanied by rumors of serious difficulty of obtaining laborers in the Transvaal mines. These rumors, however, are partly discredited and are attributed to the bears. Americans were flat, closing at the lowest. The Reading scheme will probably be issued here late on Monday. The Bank of England coin and bullion is up this week £380,000. Four hundred and forty-nine thousand pounds was the net import for the week, so a little cash has gone into home circulation. The details of the gold movement for the week are £710,000 in bars and United States coin bought, £90,000 imported from Paris, £200,000 exported to the Cape, £310,000 to Roumania, £10,000 to Argentine; £29,000 in Spanish gold coin sold. The markets in Paris were flat to-day from start to finish. A large speculative bull account was closed. In Berlin also the markets were flat. Money is becoming dearer, and there is a possibility of gold coming from London or America.

The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England to-day was £290,000.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Evening Post, in its financial article to-day says: The stock market to-day opened with the usual drifting movement, the general tendency being downward. Europe sold rather freely. The Grengers yielded, but towards noon there was a rather aggressive movement against the short interest in Reading stocks and in combines. This movement would hardly have any more logical basis than the belief that the reorganization interests will lend their own support to the market for these issues. People who base their hopes on a successful legal opposition to the plan are likely to meet with disappointment. While this recovery was in progress some of the other stocks upon the list showed signs of moderate revival. But the closing, after all, was dull and spiritless.

The stock market retained to-day the irregular movement which has characterized recent dealings. There was a point of difference, however, in the fact that the volume of business was not so exclusive in the industrials as heretofore. The speculative movement was interesting, and on a diversity of influences Baltimore and Ohio made a further extreme break of 3 3-4 per cent. to 47 and closed at a rally of 1 per cent. The steady downward course of this stock has aroused considerable apprehension on the part of the security holders, especially as it has been attended by a variety of persistent bear rumors, indicating mismanagement, embarrassment and over capitalization of branch lines. Officials of the company make sweeping denials of the rumors. Another interesting development of an encouraging character was the resumption or dividends on the preferred stock of the Denver & Rio Grande railway after an interval of over two years. The news that the presidents of the authracite coal companies had recognized the absurdity of mining at least double the quantity of coals saleable at profitable rates, and have recommended a 50 per cent. restriction of the output, had a logical good effect on the market. Speculation opened moderately active and heavy in tone. Prices stiffened soon after the initial dealings, but a sagging tendency soon developed and severe recessions in General Electric, Louisville and Nashville, Coal, Union Pacific and leather preferred. The closing was fairly active and generally firm.

Paris, Dec. 13.—M. Douemer, addressing the Bi-metallists, said the government could not regard but favorably a campaign undertaken with a view to check the effects of a crisis which nobody thinks of denying, for all were agreed as to the gravity of the evil. The solution of the problem, he continued, especially depended upon the success of the efforts in England.

At President Faure's reception, M. Laubet, president of the French Bi-metallic league, said the delegates were completely agreed upon the programme to be followed in order to transfer the question of international bi-metallism from theoretical discussion into actual practice. President Faure testified to his interest in the work of the Bi-metallic league and asked to read the minutes of the conference in order to study them with the attention and interest which he said they deserved.

PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

To Be Held at Pittsburg May 27, 1896 —Denver Defeated.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The executive committee administering the affairs of the Prohibition party met at the Sherman house to-day to decide upon the location of the convention and the time of meeting. It was understood all along that Chicago was in the lead, and much disappointment was manifested by members of the committee when the claims of Chicago were not urged. Pittsburg got the convention on the second ballot. Denver led with thirteen votes on the first ballot. The second ballot was: Denver 13, Baltimore 2, Pittsburg 22. May 27 was set as the date of the convention.

The basis of representation was fixed at four delegates-at-large from each state, two for every thousand votes or major fraction thereof cast for General Bidwell for president in 1892, two from each territory and two from the District of Columbia. A communication from the Staten Island Union of Reformers, asking that the executive committee appoint a committee of three to confer with them on "needed reforms," was discussed, and the request declined. The national executive committee of the Junior Prohibition League also decided to hold its national convention in Pittsburg on Wednesday, May 27, 1896. A meeting of the Prohibition Press Association will be held at the same time. Ex-Governor St. John's resignation from the executive committee, which was presented two years ago, was brought up to-day and accepted. W. B. Cranfield, of Waco, Texas, was elected to fill the vacancy.

DURRANT'S GOOD ANGEL.

Has Appeared in the Person of Chief Justice Beatty.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Durrant will not go to San Quentin just yet. Once more the supreme court has come to his rescue and Judge Murphy has been advised by Chief Justice Beatty not to persevere in his refusal to grant a stay of execution. The warrant for Durrant's execution has not been given to the sheriff. To-day Chief Justice Beatty, Judge Murphy, District Attorney Barnes, and Attorenys Dickinson and Deuprey for the prisoner, held a consultation and, as a result, Durrant was granted twenty days' stay of execution. Within the time specified Dickinson undertook to prepare a bill of exceptions in order to perfect his appeal to the supreme court.

No one knows better than those who have used Carter's Little Liver Pills what relief they have given when taken for dyspepsia, dizziness, pain in the side, constipation and disordered stomach.

SAN DIEGO'S WATER SUPPLY.

An Unsavory Mess of Things Existing in the Southern City.

San Diego, Dec. 13.—An important action has been begun in the United States court which involves a question of millions of dollars' worth of property and according to the complaint filed, lays bare a story of corruption of municipal officials of this city. The complainant is the Consolidated Water Company, which controls the San Diego Flume and the San Diego Water Company, now supplying the city with water. The defendants are E. S. Babcock, the Southern California mountain water company, the city of San Diego, the common council, N. R. Titus, city auditor, and T. J. Dowell, city treasurer. The complainant asks that the city of San Diego be enjoined from contracting with the Southern California mountain water company for water supply and distributing system to cost $1,575,000. It is alleged that E. S. Babcock, acting for himself and the Mount Tecarte land and water company, which was succeeded by the Southern California mountain water company, entered into a contract whereby he employed C. E. Mayne to influence members of the common council by bribery and other corrupt means to support the Tecarte proposition to furnish San Diego a water system for about $1,500,000. It is alleged that Mayne, acting for Babcock and his company, arranged and agreed with H. L. Barrows, W. J. Davis, Joseph H. Backman, Thomas H. Dunkin and W. H. Kroah, then members of the council, to vote for the desired water plan. Mayne was indicted by the grand jury for attempting to bribe Spears and Robinson, but it is alleged the indictment was quashed through Babcock's influence. Following the recital of the corruption of the council an injunction against the contract now favored by the council is asked because the action of a joint water committee of the common council recommending and authorizing the making of a contract with the Southern California mountain water company was procured by fraud, corruption and bribery.

Nervous Prostration

It is now a well established fact in medical science that nervousness is due to impure blood. Therefore the true way to cure nervousness is by purifying and enriching the blood. The great blood purifier is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Read this letter:

"For the last two years I have been a great sufferer with nervous prostration and palpitation of the heart. I was weak in my limbs and had smothered sensations. At last my physician advised me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla which I did, and I am happy to say that I am now strong and well. I am still using Hood's Sarsaparilla and would not be without it. I recommend it to all who are suffering with nervous prostration and palpitation of the heart." MRS. DALTON, 56 Alice St., Toronto, Ontario. Get Hood's, because

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The hoops dont fall off—because there are none.

SUICIDE ON CAMANO ISLAND.

Ingwald Emerson, Aged 60, and Worth $20,000, Cuts His Throat.

Coupeville, Dec. 13.—Ingwald Emerson, aged 60, who lived on Camano island, near Utsalady, killed himself on Monday morning by cutting his throat with a razor. The gash extended from ear to ear. He was in bed when he committed the act, and was found by the people who lived in the house with him.

Emerson was a native of Norway and was supposed to possess property of the value of $20,000. He had been confined to his bed from illness for nearly a month, and was very despondent, having expressed a desire to die nearly a fortnight ago. He had no relatives in this part of the country.

—Wood air-tight heating stoves at Clarke & Pearson's, 17 Yates street. *

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In connection with the horse-shoeing department, I have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Alex. Rourke, of California, horse-shoer for twelve years on the Oakland Trotting Park, having under his care when there the great trotters owned by Munro Salisbury, C. Simpson, Count Valensin, Hopkins and others; shoeing their colts from the first set and continuing according to their gait, until their quickest time. Mr. Rourke is especially experienced in the disease of the feet, quarter cracks, bruised feet, interfering, etc. Don't forget the address.

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Try it once and you will want it again.

"Well, My Dear,"

You can have a new dress for Christmas now, as

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Has dyed that old faded suit of mine so nicely."

"Oh thanks. Bless that old man; that just plays to my hand."

"Hurry, get your ma's hat, dear."

He is still in the Jewell block, 76 Douglas street. dec7-1wk.

TO LET.

Office, 2nd floor, opposite Driard, 2 rooms at $10.00; Office, 1st floor opposite Driard, 12x50, at $20.00; House, 8 rooms, Jubilee avenue, 2 lots, at $15.00; House, 7 rooms, Fulton street, at $8.00; Cottage, 7 rooms, Superior street, at $8.00; Storage room cheap. Cordwood for Sale; $3.25 per Cord, delivered.

A. H. HARMAN & CO.
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LEGAL NOTICES

In the goods of Carlo Bossi, Deceased

All persons indebted to the estate of the late Carlo Bossi, deceased, are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness forthwith to the undersigned or to Americo Vincenzo Bossi, No. 185 Johnson Street, Victoria, B. C., and all persons having any claims against the said estate are requested to send full particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned or to the said Americo Vincenzo Bossi, No. 185 Johnson Street, Victoria, B. C., before the 16th day of December, 1895.

Dated the 15th day of November, 1895.

FRANCIS R. GREGORY.
Board of Trade Building, Victoria, B. C. Solicitor for Americo Vincenzo Bossi and Andrea Calvino Bossi, Executors of the Estate of the late Carlo Bossi, deceased. nov16-1m

Land Registry Act.

Part (30 acres) of Section 14, Range VI., East, and of Section 14, Range 5, East, South Saanich District.

Whereas the Certificate of Title of Richard James Smith to the above hereditaments, bearing date the 26th June, 1891, has been lost and application has been made for a duplicate of such certificate.

Notice is hereby given that such duplicate will be issued unless cause be shown to the contrary, in writing within one month from the date hereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Deputy Registrar General.
Land Registry Office,
Victoria, November 27th, 1895.

ARCHITECTS.

JNO. TEAGUE,
ARCHITECT.
Office, corner of Broad street and Trounce avenue.

SOCIETIES.

B. C. PIONEER SOCIETY.
The Hall of the above society in Musgrave Block, Broad street, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the convenience of the Pioneers and their friends, who are cordially invited to visit the rooms.

VETERINARY.

S. F. TOLMIE,
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Graduate Ont. Vet. Col., Member Ont. Vet. Med. Soc. (Late with Dr. John Wende, V.S., Buffalo, N.Y.) Office at Bray's Livery, 100 Johnson street. Telephone 182; residence telephone 417, Victoria, B. C.

SCAVENGERS.

JULIUS WEST, GENERAL SCAVENGER, successor to John Dougherty. Yards and cesspools cleaned, contracts made for removing earth, etc. All orders left with James Fell & Co., Port street, grocers; Cochrane & Munn, corner of Yates and Douglas streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 50 Vancouver street. Telephone, 120.

FOR SALE.

A GOOD SEALING BOAT in good order for sale. Inquire at Burns' Cabins, Store street, No. 94. dec13t

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Jerseys, 1 cow and calf, $85; 1 cow $70; 2 heifers $55 and $35. T. S. Dobbin, Lake Hill Farm, or H. M. Naval Yard, Esquimalt. nov20-tf

LOST OR FOUND.

STRAYED OR STOLEN from 27 Labouchere street on Tuesday forenoon, small black and tan Toy Terrier bitch (about 7 inches high; 11 inches long). Anyone returning her to Gavin H. Burns, Labouchere street, or Bank of B. N. A., will be suitably rewarded. Anyone found keeping her after this notice will be prosecuted. no26-tf

WANTS.

WANTED—52 watches to repair, buy sell, or exchange. A cash transaction. Headquarters for a first class job of fine watch repairing. Seal teeth bought. Cash paid for old gold and silver. Chris. Moody, 62 Government street, Victoria. nov14-1m

WANTED—Twenty-five men at Beaver Lake. Wages 22 1-2 cents an hour; board $4.50 a week. Walkely, King & Casey. dec11-tf

MISCELLANEOUS.

A & W. WILSON
PLUMBERS AND GASSFITTERS,
Bell Hangers and Tinsmiths. Dealers in best descriptions of Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc. Shipping supplied at lowest rates. Broad street, Victoria, B. C. Telephone call 126

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For 1896.

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Your newsdealer will take you order, or send direct to THE TIMES OFFICE.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—Small advertisements, set like this paragraph, received up to 4 p.m. each day. Larger ads. must be sent in earlier. "Changes" for standing ads. received up to 11 a.m.

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ADMISSION,..... 25 cents.

Drawing for prizes to take place on the last day of the Exhibition. Tickets can be obtained at the leading stores or from the members of the Union at 50 cents each.

L. C. BARFF,
Honorary Secretary.

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Brass Kettles in Wrought Iron stands
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FAST COLORS WERE THESE.

Egyptians Knew the Art of Making Dyes That Lasted for Years.

In antiquity besides indigo and purple few colors were employed, and these were obtained for the most part from the vegetable kingdom, but their purity was so great that they have kept well to our own times, after having undergone for centuries the action of the air and the sun. The fact is very remarkable in the Egyptian tombs; the stone has been disintegrated by weathering, while the colors have been preserved. The color that we meet most frequently is a mixture of reddish brown oxide of iron (red hematite) and clay, known under the name of Pompeiian red. This color, which has resisted for four thousand years the sun of Egypt and the action of the air, is equally proof against acids. The Egyptians reduced it by rubbing between stones under water to a degree of fineness that we cannot obtain nowadays by chemical precipitation. An equally precious yellow pigment, also much used, was formed of a natural oxide of iron mixed with much clay, chalk and water, and browned by the action of heat; the mixture gives orange. For this yellow color gold bronze or gold leaf was also employed. For blue they used a glass covered with copper minerals; this pigment was not less permanent than the preceding, even acids having very little effect upon it. Gypsum or plaster of paris furnished white, and also formed the basis of pale colors when organic pigments were added to it, probably madder for red. The colors were always thin and rendered adhesive by means of gums. It is interesting to know, as is proved by inscriptions, that the artists regarded their colors as imperishable.—Cosmos.

—What shall I buy? is the question which puzzles many at Christmas time. Weiler Bros. guarantee to answer the question if you will only see their goods.

—Haughton & Co. are showing a fine line of dolls.

We Carry a Full Stock of the
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Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

—China tea sets at Cheapside.

—Always ask for Okell & Morris' jams and jellies.

—Okell & Morris' jams and jellies are absolutely pure.

—Haughton & Co. announce some further tempting bargains.

—Fine plated knives, forks and spoons at Fox's, 78 Government street.

—A nice collection of Japanese matting can now be seen at Weiler Bros.

—Spratt & Macaulay have in stock the only genuine Pennsylvania hard coal in Victoria. Give it a trial.

—Mr. Walter Easton, of San Juan avenue, James Bay, has been called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died yesterday. She was a native of Scotland, aged 31 years.

—The members of the Salvation Army last evening held a musical meeting, followed by a pie social. Collections amounting to $15 were taken up in aid of the Self-Denial fund.

—A list of cattle owners in the districts surrounding Victoria to whom clean bills of health were issued during November is published in the Official Gazette by Inspector Roper.

—Rev. Dr. Campbell, at this evening's meeting of the Sir William Wallace society, will deliver his second lecture on the "Canadian Constitution." All are invited to attend these meetings.

—There were seven tables in operation at the weekly whist tournament in the J. B. A. A. rooms last evening. Arnott Ker won with ten games out of eleven, and A. C. Anderson took the "booby" prize.

—The commission issued to L. W. Fauquier, of Union, as a justice of the peace has been cancelled. Fauquier was to have been tried at the last assizes at Nanaimo for misappropriating funds, but he did not appear when called.

—Ayer's pills, being composed of the essential virtues of the best vegetable aperients, without any of the woody or fibrous material whatever, is the reason why they are so much more effective and valuable than any other cathartics. The best family physic.

—At last evening's social dance given by Court Vancouver, A. O. F., A. Strachan, P. C. R., on behalf of the court, presented H. Waller, P. C. D. R., with a handsome easy chair and foot rest, accompanied by a complimentary address. Mr. Waller replied, thanking the donors for their kind words. There were present about 100 couples at the dance, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

—Notice is given in yesterday's Official Gazette of the following appointments: James Fergusson Armstrong, of Donald, B. M., to be deputy clerk of the peace within and for the county of Kootenay; John Stevenson, of Barkerville, to be a stipendiary magistrate within and for the county of Cariboo; Charles Wetham, of Whonnock, to be a justice of the peace within and for the county of Westminster; William Merris Hilbert, and Richard Gibson, of the city of Nanaimo, to be justices of the peace within and for the county of Nanaimo.

—Major C. T. Picton is manager of the State hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the travelling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy, Major Picton says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

—Notices are given in yesterday's Official Gazette to introduce private bills at the next session of the legislature to incorporate the Anglo-Western Pioneer Syndicate, to supply water to the towns of Trail and Rossland; A. E. Humphreys, to incorporate a company for general mining purposes; Alberni Water, Telephone and Electric company; Rossland Electric Light, Power and Water company; to consolidate the interests of the Cariboo Gold Fields company and to amend the acts of the Nelson Electric Light company, the Vernon and Nelson Telephone company and the New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone company.

—Rt. Rev. George Hills, D. D., formerly Bishop of Columbia, died on Tuesday at Parham Vicarage, Suffolk, England, in his 81st year. A memorial service will be held at Christ Church cathedral to-morrow evening. Deceased was born at Eytharne, near Dover, in 1815. He was the only son of Admiral George Hills, R. N. He was educated at King William college, Isle of Man, and at Durham university, graduating from the latter as a B. A. in 1836 and M. A. in 1838. Two years later he was ordained and served in curacies at Tynemouth and Leeds, greatly distinguishing himself during the cholera epidemic. In 1848 he was appointed Vicar of Yarmouth, where he worked with much success until 1859, when he was consecrated Bishop of Columbia. After leaving British Columbia he was appointed to Parham Vicarage, Suffolk.

—Read Gilmore & McCandless' overcoat talk.

—Insist upon your grocer giving you Okell & Morris' Jams.

—Paper bags and wrapping paper; wholesale price. Johnston's, Douglas street.

—"A Trip to Alaska" was the subject of Prof. Odlum's lecture at the Victoria West Methodist church last evening.

—A meeting of the congregation of the Central Presbyterian church has been called for this evening by Rev. A. B. Winchester, moderator of the Presbytery of Victoria.

—The two local lodges of the Sons of England Benevolent Society gave a banquet at the Globe restaurant last evening. Col. Prior occupied the chair. On his right sat District Deputy Plows and on his left Postmaster Shakespeare. The usual toasts to the royal family were proposed by the chairman. Mr. T. J. Taylor proposed the "Army and Navy," Col. Prior responding. Postmaster Shakespeare responded for the Dominion government.

VALHALLAH SOCIETY

Gave Their First Social Entertainment Last Evening.

Last evening the members of the Valhallah, the recently formed Scandinavian Society, gave their first social entertainment in Oliver's hall. The Danish "Comedy En Little Datter," was well staged and the characters were acceptably sustained. The cast follows:

Stranding ..... Mr. Bay.
Nana ..... Mrs. Bay.
Ellingsen ..... Mr. Geo. Amorsen.
Grethe ..... Mrs. Droop.
The Lieutenant ..... Mr. S. C. Amorsen.
Stine ..... Mrs. Andersen.

Vocal music by Miss Hansen, Messrs. Amorsen, Mrs. Droop and Mrs. Day followed the play. The evening's entertainment closed with a dance.

"En Little Datter" will be given a more public production later on.

NEW COMPANIES.

Certificates of Incorporation Published in Yesterday's Gazette.

Certificates of incorporation of the following new companies were published in the last issue of the British Columbia Official Gazette:

Banner Lodge, No. 31, I. O. O. F., of Wellington. Trustees, J. L. McKay, M. Matheson and S. A. Sutherland.

Cumberland Mining Company, of Three Forks, capital, $500,000; trustees, A. D. Moore, W. H. Yawkey and W. C. Yawkey.

Metropolitan Club Company, of Rossland; capital, $10,000; trustees, Charles Gibbs, John N. Peters and Alexander Austin.

Peter Creek Gold Mining Company, of Cariboo; head office, Vancouver; capital $25,000; trustees, C. S. Douglas, W. H. Boorne, James D. Peebles, C. J. Loewen and R. G. Tatlow.

Queen Charlotte Oil Company, of Victoria; capital, $14,000; trustees, Thomas Shotbolt, W. H. Dempster and B. Williams. This company will carry on the work of an oilery and the business of storekeeping and trading at Clue, Queen Charlotte Island. Another object of the company is to mine for oil or mineral.

Sunshine Mining Company, of Three Forks; capital, $500,000; same trustees as the Cumberland Mining Company.

West Coast Packing Company, of Vancouver; capital, $30,000; trustees, Thomas Hooper, of Victoria, and R. V. Winch and G. M. Macdonald, of Vancouver. The objects of this company are varied, including dealing in lands, sealskins, fish, fruit, vegetables and lumber, and to carry on business as sealers, transportation, storage and dairying.

Smart Weed and Belladonna, combined with the other ingredients used in the best porous plasters, make Carter's S. W. & B. Backache Plasters the best in the market. Price 25 cents.

NEW BOUNDARIES.

Changes in the Boundaries of Kootenay Mining Divisions.

The boundaries of the Trout Lake and Ainsworth mining divisions of West Kootenay have been re-defined. The new boundaries are:

Trout Lake Mining Division—Commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of West Kootenay; thence west along the southern boundary of the Illecillewaet mining division to the eastern boundary of the Lardeau division; thence southerly along the eastern boundary of the Lardeau division to its junction with the Slocan division; thence easterly along the northern boundary of the Ainsworth mining division to the Lardeau river; thence northeasterly to the eastern boundary of West Kootenay district (crossing the Duncan river at a point to include the southern watersheds of the Cameron or Hall creek and East creek); thence following the eastern boundary of West Kootenay district to the point of commencement.

Ainsworth Mining Division—To include all the country on the rivers, streams and tributaries thereof flowing into Kootenay lake north of Goat river mining division, except those portions of the Lardeau and Duncan rivers included in the Trout lake mining division.

—It is often a mystery how a cold has been "caught." The fact is, however, that when the blood is poor and the system depressed one becomes peculiarly liable to diseases. When the appetite or the strength fails, Ayer's Sarsaparilla should be taken without delay.

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GERMAN STUDENTS' DUELS.

The Custom Remains in Vogue Just as in Former Years.

A writer in the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph says: The duels at Heidelberg are very famous. There is perhaps no university in Germany at which duelling is not practised, but here it is regarded almost as a religious duty.

The sons of the rich congregate at Heidelberg, and they are the people who are especially addicted to this form of student pastime in Germany. It is not an exaggeration to say that between twenty and thirty duels take place here every week during the semester, and these are nearly all at the Hirschgasse, a little tavern across the river from Heidelberg, which is known and advertised everywhere as the place of resort for such encounters. It has served in this capacity a great many years. The sign boards point to it. It is mentioned in the guide books and everyone knows of it except the university officials and the police. It is not a ten minute walk from the centre of the town, though it is outside of the city jurisdiction. This, however, seems to be a matter of no moment, for some of the clubs for a period last year fought in the town itself at a tavern directly in the shadow of the old castle.

There are duels here some three or four mornings every week by the members of the various fighting clubs, of which Heidelberg has an enormous number. The most aristocratic of them all is the Saxo-Borussia. The club bears cartel relations with the Borussia of Bonn, to which the Hohenzollerens belong. Five or six duels between various combatants are usually fought on the same morning.

This is all a curious commentary on law and order as they are supposed to exist in Germany. Such machinery for the enforcement of law as is to be found here flourishes in no other land in the world; and yet, for one reason or another, the duel goes on unhindered. By the laws of the empire, without taking into account the penalties prescribed by the lower jurisdictions, there is the most severe punishment for duelling and challenging to duel. In spite of attempts to make other interpretations, the students' duels have by the supreme court of the empire been decided as duels in the sense of the law. Yet publicly in the Reichstag no longer ago than last winter, an esteemed member of the Kaiser's ministry declared himself and his government at issue not only with the laws and the supreme court, but with whatever moral feeling there may be in the land against this malevolent form of evil.

That there is a strong feeling against the systematic mutilation of the human face in the universities there can be no doubt, although it is difficult to discern. Those who are opposed to it, however, are so far removed from the throne of authority that they cannot make their influence felt. It is one of these abominations, of which there are several in Germany, that there will be no way to uproot it until there is established a Government which can rest in some way upon a free and responsible public opinion. Whatever the government is today, it is not this.

Duelling is so common at Heidelberg that it is said sometimes by those who do not know their subject, that all the students fight. That is, of course, not true, though there is relatively a larger proportion engaged at it here than at some other universities. There are surely not more than 300 fighters out of a whole attendance of 1200. This figure, however, may be slightly below the mark.

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JUST TO PASS THE TIME.

A Little Game of Poker Lasting Thirty-Six Hours.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—Bookmakers and horsemen that frequent the Palace Hotel are still talking about the poker game that was commenced there the other night. Just after dinner on Saturday, when the racing men were wondering what they could do to entertain themselves during the evening, a couple of plungers who were lounging about the billiard room suggested that it was a good night to play poker.

"There's Coleman," said one; "he'll play."

"Play what?" asked the bookmaker.

"Poker, of course," ejaculated the first speaker. "Did you think I was proposing a game of marbles?"

"Oh, well," said Coleman, "I'll play a little while. Not for very long, though," as he glanced at his watch.

"Will Grannan daily?" asked a third man.

"Grannan will play anything," replied Coleman. "Come on, Riley," he shouted, "We're going up stairs to play a little game of cards."

When they went up stairs and sat down to the green table besides Grannan and Coleman there was Purser, the plunger, Harry Harris and several others. Play was a bit light at first, but it soon grew fast enough. Grannan is a great believer in playing poker with money instead of cards, and time after time he lifted some of the players out of their boots. Harry Harris got tired after a couple of hours and dropped out $175 or so to the good. Players kept dropping out and sitting in, but Coleman and Grannan kept their chairs warm all the time. They were afraid to miss a hand. Both are highly nervous men, game betters, and shrewd ones, too. All Saturday night they sat there. The coin was coming Coleman's way. He hated to quit winner unless the game broke up. Grannan was a trifle out and he was playing for even. Sunday at noon time nobody thought of going to bed. With a sandwich in one hand and his cards in the other, Coleman tried to make Grannan think that two deuces were better than three jacks, which is a pretty hard thing to do. By Sunday night nobody was sleepy and the game kept going. One well known bookmaker, who has social aspirations dropped $1,000 and then went off to figure his handicaps for the next day's race. Not until Monday morning, after a thirty-six hours' sitting, did the game finally break up. Then Coleman had won $3,000, Riley had lost $2,100, Purser was a bit to the bad and the others had varying success. This is about the only winning Coleman has made this winter outside of the race track. He is always looking for something to gamble on. Not so very long ago he lost $500 to Sam Merriweather playing pin pool, and last winter he won a horse that cost $1,000.

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JOSHUA DAVIES
AUCTIONEER,
Room 7, - Board of Trade Building.

The Daily Times.

NORTH ONTARIO.

Those who talk of an extraordinarily large vote in North Ontario yesterday can hardly be aware of the facts. At the election of 1891 in that riding there were 5963 names on the voters' list, and 4158 votes were cast, while the revised list used yesterday contained 7054 names and the votes polled numbered 4606. It must be remembered that there were two opposition candidates in the field yesterday, who jointly received 2438 votes, against the 2168 cast for Mr. McGillivray. The latter's election was therefore not exactly a victory for the government, though it was a victory for the government candidate. It may fairly be expected, though, that the government will accept it as a victory for their policy, and as an approval from the province of Ontario of the course they have laid out for themselves. With this warrant for the proceeding, they will have the less hesitation in applying the coercion process to Manitoba.

NO NEW POLICY.

With characteristic impudence and disregard for facts several Tory writers and speakers have distorted into a "flop" and a "new policy" some recent remarks of the Toronto Globe on the tariff question. It is fortunate that the public has learned to look with suspicion on Tory interpretations of Liberal utterances and to take from the latter their own meanings, not those imputed to them by dishonest opponents. There is accordingly a very small chance of Tory misrepresentations misleading anybody. Dealing with the distortion of its words that has been so freely indulged in the Globe says:

"The idea of paying special attention to the interests of the farmer, the workingman and the merchant who have no 'pull' at Ottawa will be a new departure certainly, not from Liberal principles but from the practice of the past sixteen years. Nothing has been so marked a feature of the protectionist regime as the destruction of the smaller industries and the decline of the towns and villages where they once flourished. The Liberal policy is to endeavor to revive these industries, to revive agriculture, to revive the shipping interest, not by putting taxes on, but by taking taxes off. As was said in the article to which Mr. Costigan referred: 'Some of the most important industries of Canada are now seerely handicapped by a tariff which taxes their raw material beyond the protection afforded to their finished product. The protectionist remedy for this state of things would be to increase the duty on the finished product; the Liberal remedy would be to remove or diminish the duty on raw material.'

"What, however, the article was intended to emphasize was that the freeing of agriculture and other industries from the burdens which have been accumulated during the past sixteen years could not be accomplished in a day. Conditions have been created which will require careful handling. Industries which were able to stand upon their own merits have been involved in the complicated structure of protection and burdened and hampered by duties upon their material and machinery. The work of placing them upon a basis of self-reliance once more will have to be done carefully and with a thorough, practical knowledge of the conditions. To proceed in any other way would be only to throw discredit upon the cause of commercial freedom and not to advance it. As a matter of fact, the Liberals never entertained the idea of regulating the tariff by a fiat suddenly issued from Ottawa in accordance with a theory, and without regard to the condition of the industries of the country. That was a notion industriously promulgated by the advocates of the present system in order to frighten the people away from reform. The Liberal tariff policy, as laid down at the Ottawa convention, is strong and clear, but it does not contain anything inconsistent with the view that the changes required shall be made with a wise regard to existing conditions."

The Globe then quotes the declaration of the Ottawa Liberal convention in regard to the tariff, and concludes: "No reasonable man could expect that the change indicated in this platform could be made in a day. Nevertheless the working of the principles to which the Liberals are pledged would be perceived the moment they obtained control of legislation. They would act as men who do not believe that a country can be made rich by taxation, and who do believe that every tax removed puts new life into industry. If it were asked at what point would they begin, our answer would be: where there is most injustice, where industry suffers most from restriction, where the cost of protection to the people is greatest. As one by one, thoroughly, but carefully and judiciously, the shackles were removed, the effect would be seen in the stimulation of productive industry all through the country. The plan of fostering industry by taxation has had more than a fair trial and has signally failed; the marks of failure are written all over the country in deserted factories, ruined industries, declining towns and villages, depopulated farming districts. The purpose of the Liberal policy is to alleviate, not to aggravate, that condition of affairs. But the policy in order to achieve that result must have a fair trial; and that means that it must be carefully as well as thoroughly worked out."

Seattle Times:—An exchange regrets that our Canadian border is defenceless. Well, so is the border of Canada. It is about a stand-off and the fact that it is so is a guarantee of peace.

ANOTHER UNPLEDGED MAN.

Only a few days ago Mr. Willoughby, the Conservative candidate in Cardwell, sent to the McCarthyite leaders in that constituency a letter, in which he announced his opposition to interference with Manitoba, and now comes the report that he has decided to follow Mr. McGillivray's example of seeking election on the non-committal plea of waiting until the government produces its school legislation before he gives his opinion of it. He has placed himself or allowed himself to drift into an unenviable predicament.

First Mr. Willoughby secured the Conservative nomination.

Then the government declared for remedial legislation.

Next the constituency was opened and Mr. Willoughby got to work to hold the nomination, supporting the government.

Then he seemed to wobble and under pressure of Ontario's strong opposition to interference, he declared against remedial legislation and coquetted with the McCarthyites.

The next act in the comedy was Sir Mackenzie Bowell's declaration that he had assurance that the candidate was with the government on the school question.

And now, immediately following the premier's statement, Mr. Willoughby gets in out of the wet, under McGillivray's umbrella.

It is to be feared that Mr. Willoughby's chief idea is to capture the seat, and his concern for principle and policy is a very bad second. He scarcely knows just where he is at. In his desire to run with the hare and hunt with the hounds he has lost his bearings. His predicament is a fair illustration of the tangle into which a wobbling politician may get himself when he sets out to make votes by shirking a straight issue and trying to stand in with all classes. —Toronto Star, Conservative.

CANADIAN MAGAZINE.

The Christmas number of the Canadian Magazine is one of which the publishers may well be proud. In point of worthy contributions from Canadian writers, wealth of illustration and general excellence of the mechanical work the issue shows very well indeed.

J. H. Long, of Hamilton, writes of "The First Canadian Christmas" in a well illustrated article, while Charles Gordon Rogers contributes a clever Christmas poem, which is also illustrated.

The history of the Castle St. Louis, Quebec, is told by J. M. LeMoine; that of the U.E. Loyalists is rendered charming by the facile pen of Charles C. D. Roberts; J. G. Bourinot treats of "A Gentleman-Adventurer of the Old Regime," in a delightful paper. W. W. Campbell's poem, entitled "Ode to Silence," is a most perfect piece of work.

Of a different class are the contributions by Jean Blewett, "Kit," J. Castell Hopkins, Dr. Fergeson, Dr. G. Archer Stockwell, etc. These writers contribute fiction or talk of some leading topic of the day. Dr. Ferguson's article on the Christian Scientists is specially opportune.

An article which will interest every patriot is one on "Canada's National Song: its Author and Origin," by the editor, John A. Cooper. The story, "Adele Berthier," illustrated by F. H. Brigden, is also worthy of special notice.

While the Canadian Magazine has thus distinguished itself with a high-class Christmas number, it announces better things to follow. The January number will contain the first half of a story by C. C. Farr, with illustrations by A. H. Hemming, one of the leading artists on Harpers'.

A CONVENIENT BICYCLE.

May be Taken Apart and Packed in a Valise.

The New York Sun says: A Frenchman named Leloup has invented a bicycle that can be taken apart, packed in a valise, and carried, as he insists, with ease and comfort whenever the wheelman is traveling by rail. His bicycle, too, has this advantage, that if it breaks down on the road the wheelman can uncouple the parts and carry it slung over his shoulder. The machine is not intended for racing, or indeed, very fast riding of any kind, but for ordinary road work.

In order to bring it within the compass of a moderate-sized valise, he has reduced the wheels to a diameter of about 11¾ inches. The tooth wheel which communicates the power from the pedals is nearly as great as they are in diameter. The horizontal bar is in two parts that are made secure by means of screws. When the machine is to be packed this bar is unscrewed. The saddle is removed and the handles are taken off. The four pieces are then easily packed into a valise measuring 23½ by 15¾ by a little more than 82-5 The whole weight of the machine is not above 18¾ pounds.

If the wheelman riding Leloup's wheel finds himself with a broken-down machine on the road he divides it as before into four pieces, balances the parts and slings them over his shoulder by means of a paddle strap carried for the purpose. This, the inventor insists, is better than holding the machine upright and trundling it. The machine can be taken apart and put in the valise in about two minutes, and can be removed and made ready for use in about the same time. As pictured it is rather an awkward-looking contrivance, the smallness of the wheel exaggerating the height of the saddle above them. The pedals are so close to the ground that the rider may at any time stop the machine by putting a foot to the earth. It is said that for this reason there is very little danger of serious accidents with the Leloup wheel. As to speed, it is asserted that a single revolution of the pedals will drive the wheel fifteen feet six inches. The machine is said to be comparatively inexpensive. It is affirmed that the cost of replacing the small tire is much less than in the case of a larger wheel.

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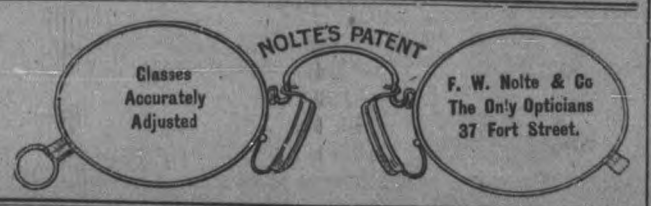

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—An excited individual telephoned to the fire station this morning that there was a fire on Wharf street. The men were about to turn out when the alarm was cancelled. Somebody had seen smoke coming through the roof of a cooper shop.

—There was a small fire at Mr. McRae's dairy on the Cedar Hill road on Tuesday night. A lamp had been left burning under a blind, which caught fire. The fire spread to the furniture, and for a time it looked as though the whole building must go. The men employed at the dairy put it out.

—Following are some of the musical numbers to be heard in "Our Boy," the musical comedy to be presented by Mr. C. J. Spry-Palmer and company at the Victoria theatre to-night: Buy My Dolls, Baby Coquette, Alice, Where Art Thou, Coaxing, Sweet and Low; medley, Snapshots, No One Like Mother To Me, Sweetest Story Ever Told, The Militia, Won't You Be My Sweet, Pleasures Await You, Sweethearts Again. The company has been strengthened by the addition of Mr. and Mrs. Will Chapman and Mr. Frank Leroy, of this city.
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—The trustees and teacher of West Saanich school wish to make public the following statement re the addition to the teacher's residence. The addition is 16 by 19 feet and is furnished throughout in modern style. The major part of the work was done by the teacher, E. Caspell, who certainly deserves credit for his work. The cost of lumber, shingles, etc., was $37.00; of windows, $5; of hardware, $5.40, making a total of $48. The concert receipts were $31.80, which, with a donation from Dr. Pope, Superintendent of Education, of $2, and from Mr. Brooks of $1, make a total of $34.80. Deducting concert expenses of $10, there is left $24.80, and the trustees' grant of $20 raises this to $44.80, leaving an unpaid balance of $3.20. A social will be held during the winter to pay off the balance, and if more is raised than is required for this purpose other improvements will be made in the residence.

—Arthur Bender, well known in the east as a scenic artist, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Bender has taken up a ranch just back of Port Angeles, where he will reside part of the year. He speaks very enthusiastically of the scenery in this part of the world and of his ranch says: "I am afraid a farmer would laugh at it as a paying proposition for farming, but it is just what I want. Two pretty streams meander about it and empty in the Elwha. Between the streams there are three mesas, one above the other like terraces, and the scenery in every direction is broken and diversified, and ever new; here a big frowning rock, and there a pastoral scene, with a purling brook. I could talk to you for three hours about my ranch, and never have to refer to crops, either. I intend to build me a log cabin, and make all my studies there. I believe, too, that in this theatrical circuit I shall find an ample field for my work, for with the coming prosperity there will come a growth in art and the luxuries of life, and there will be more and higher class theatres."

—The police have been making praiseworthy efforts to rid the city of a lot of undesirable characters who have been infesting the city, but for some reason are unable to secure sufficient evidence to satisfy the magistrate. Yesterday six good-for-nothing individuals were in court, but the charges against them were dismissed. This morning a batch of seven were brought up. The case against one was remanded until Monday, as he had gone to work. Informations against the others were withdrawn for the same reason, three did not appear and one was discharged. The latter case was the only one gone into, the defendant being Jack Forbes, who was formerly up on a similar charge. Five police officers swore that as far as they knew he did not work, he consorted with prostitutes and spent his time between saloons and houses of infame. This was not considered sufficient evidence by the magistrate, and the case was dismissed. It is understood that the police have in consequence of the magistrate's decisions decided to drop a number of other cases, as they cannot get any more evidence in them than in the Forbes case.

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—A bazaar is being held this afternoon by the Willing Workers of Christ Church cathedral.

—The case of Scott and Dutton, charged with stealing two guns, was last evening remanded for a week.

—The sweet little "Nellie Bly" lamps are sure to sell quickly; they are pretty, cheap and good. Weiler Bros.

—New line of pocket cutlery just opened at Fox's, 78 Government street. Shaving outfits a specialty, guaranteed.

—A nice line of really handsome "Jardinieres" at Weiler Bros'. These goods have just arrived from New York, and are truly artistic.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. W. Easton takes place from the residence, San Juan avenue, James Bay, to-morrow (Saturday) at 2 p.m.

—John Cardon was fined $10 and costs in the police court this morning for using insulting language to the proprietor of the Clarence hotel.

—The indecent exposure case, in which Samuel Gorton is the defendant, is being heard this afternoon in the city police court behind closed doors.

—For being drunk and disorderly on the street and breaking a large pane of glass at the city lockup, Claude Hunt was this morning fined $20 and $2 costs.

—A special meeting of the city council has been called for this evening. Day vs. contract labor will be discussed and the milk venders' by-law will also come up.

—The funeral of the late Mary Ellen Janes will take place on Sunday at 2 o'clock, from the family residence, on Green street, and later from St. Barnabas church.

—As the name indicates, Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer is a renewer of the hair, including its growth, health, youthful color and beauty. It will please you.

—The first snow of the season fell early this morning, and the hills around the city are covered with a white coating. There was a little of the beautiful on the Esquimalt road this morning, but the fall did not extend to the city.

—Last night's alarm of fire was the 100th that has been turned in this year. Something had gone wrong with the heating apparatus in C. J. V. Spratt's residence on the Gorge road, filling a room with smoke. The apparatus was taken out before the trouble was located.

—At a meeting of the teachers and officers of the Spring Ridge Methodist Sunday school, held last evening, it was unanimously resolved to hold the annual Christmas tree on Thursday, December 26. An excellent programme is being prepared under the leadership of W. A. Parfitt.

—There was quite a large gathering at the weekly meeting of Perseverance Lodge, I. O. G. T., on Tuesday evening, when a very instructive as well as amusing paper was read by Sister Townsend. The lodge was favored with a visit from Mr. Conway, of Chemainus who spoke a few words.

—Early this morning a Chinaman, Ah Goewey, was arrested for having stolen property in his possession. The property, which he offered to sell at a second-hand store for 50 cents, consisted of two large jugs, a vase, glass water pitcher, soap tray and other articles. The case was called this morning, but remanded.

—Mary P. Keatch, formerly a resident of Victoria, was shot and killed at Vallejo, Cal., on Saturday last by a U. S. soldier named Stanton. He afterwards committed suicide. The murdered woman resided here many years, and is believed to have relatives here. Her identity was obtained through the Hibernia Bank of San Francisco, where she had a deposit of $900.

CHARITY CONCERT.

A Successful Concert Held in Institute Hall in Aid of the City Poor.

A large and appreciative audience attended the charity concert given in Institute hall last evening by the ladies of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral. The proceeds will be devoted to alleviating the sufferings of the city's poor—regardless of class or creed. The programme was made up of selections by the popular singers of the city, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. A special orchestra under the direction of Messrs. Finn and Bantley was heard in two pleasing selections, while Mrs. C. A. Lombard played the majority of the accompaniments with marked ability. The cathedral choir was heard to advantage in "O By Rivers," and a male choir consisting of Messrs. Shedden, Keith, Lang, Bullen, Lombard, Grizelle, Oliver, Baynton and Sehl rendered very effectively "Winds Whistle Cold." The other parts in the programme were taken by Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands, Messrs. J. G. Brown and James Pilling, Mme. Laird and Mrs. J. H. Young. Messrs. Richardson and Dooley furnished the comic part of the programme. They were particularly happy in their selections and were rewarded with enthusiastic encores. Miss Ina Brash, in her recitation, "The Roman Sentinel," gave evidence of careful elocutionary training. The concert was successful in every respect, and the ladies are to be congratulated upon the result of their efforts in such a worthy cause.

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LAW INTELLIGENCE.

Yesterday the full court dismissed the defendants' appeal in Hogg v. Fanell. The action was in reference to mining claims, and the argument went off on a question of pleadings, the defendants not having complied with the rules as to pleading in specifically denying that the claims had been located. Mr. Chas. Wilson, Q. C., for the appellants and Mr. E. P. Davis, Q. C., for the respondents.

The divisional court, consisting of the Chief Justice and Justices Crease and Walkem, are to-day hearing the plaintiffs' appeal in B. C. Iron Works Co. v. Ernest Buse, John G. Bugbee and Rosa Mueller, trading together as the Buse Mill Co. The plaintiffs sued for $2218.85, and at the first trial got judgment and Rosa Mueller was declared a partner. She appealed, and the divisional court ordered a new trial, when it was held that she was not a partner. The plaintiffs now ask for a new trial on the ground of wrongful admission and rejection of evidence and misdirection. Mr. E. P. Davis, Q. C., and Mr. R. W. Harris appear for the appellants and Mr. A. J. McColl, Q. C., for the respondents.

LAW SOCIETY.

The Torrens System and Other Matters Discussed at Its Meeting.

About twenty-five lawyers attended the special general meeting of the Law Society last night, held for the purpose of discussing the Torrens system of land titles. Hon. D. M. Eberts occupied the chair, and after explaining the object of the meeting, called upon those present to give their views.

Mr. T. O. Townley, the registrar of votes at Vancouver and New Westminster, was the first speaker. He said he had seen the working of the Torrens system in Manitoba, and although he considered the present system here an excellent one, he thought it could be improved upon. What is wanted is certainty of title, and that is supplied by the Torrens system, under which the estate passes by registration and not by deed, so that a person going to the registry can find out just how the title stands. The distinguishing features are that under it registration is compulsory, and transmission of title passes by registration. As far as the public are concerned, it would be much better, as the fees are less.

Mr. L. G. McPhillips, Q.C., of Vancouver, said the present system should certainly be improved upon. The Torrens seems the best system and it had been tried with success in New Zealand, Ontario and Manitoba.

Mr. Archer Martin was in Manitoba when the Torrens system was introduced there. Both systems were allowed and the result was that loan companies and purchasers insisted on Torrens titles. Under it dower and tenancies by the curtesies are abolished. From a commercial point of view, the rapidity of transfer is the great advantage. In Manitoba for six years the insurance fund was only once called upon to pay a loss.

Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., had seen the working of the system in the Northwest Territories for five years, and was very much in favor of it. At present a solicitor in passing a title for a loan company takes chances in making himself liable for many thousands of dollars because deeds are not recorded, and as there is a sort of registration system people are not careful of their deeds. The present system, he said, had all the bad points of all other systems and none of the good.

Several others made remarks about the different systems, and the following resolution was carried on motion of Messrs. McPhillips and Bodwell: "That in the opinion of this meeting the introduction of the Torrens system of land registration would prove beneficial; and it is strongly recommended that a bill of that character be introduced at the approaching session of the provincial legislature."

Six of those present voted against the resolution and in favor of further consideration.

A second resolution, moved by Mr. Chas. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Bodwell and adopted, recommended "that the winding up rules and Crown office rules be brought into force as soon as possible."

There was also a lengthy discussion in reference to the new tariff of costs; and it was decided that the judges be requested to promulgate it as soon as possible.

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THE EARLY FIFTIES

The Pioneer Society Hold Their Annual Dinner at the Occidental Hotel.

Reminiscences of Good Old Days of Cariboo Recalled by the Old Timers.

The British Columbia Pioneer Society gave its twenty-fifth annual dinner at the Occidental hotel last evening. Round the tables were about fifty of the sturdy pioneers of the province, men who had endured hardships in order to force from the stubborn banks of the Fraser river the auriferous metal, and some of whom are now the most prominent citizens of the province. The younger element was also well represented. There were present a number of the sons of pioneers, and they, as well as the pioneers themselves, gave many reminiscences of the early days of the province.

The guests sat down to the tables about 8.30. The spacious dining room was prettily decorated for the occasion. On the wall at the head of the table the Union Jack was tastefully draped with the banner of the society. Beneath these was the portrait of Sir James Douglas. The menu was excellent and was in keeping with the reputation which Mr. Jensen has earned for himself as a caterer. President Ald. Humphrey occupied the chair. Seated around him were Hon. Chief Justice Davie, Premier Turner, Thomas Earle, M. P., Lieut.-Colonel Prior, M. P., Mr. Eure, United States vice-consul, President Barnes, of the B. C. Benevolent Society, President Flint, of the Sons of Erin, and ex-Ald. Lovell. There were also present H. D. Helmcken, M.P.P., Ald. McLelland and Bragg, Superintendent H. W. Sheppard, Dr. Macnaughton Jones, A. Graham, C. E. Redfern, John J. Austin, E. A. Jacob, Wm. Templeman, A. H. Scaife, E. C. Johnson, Thos. Harvey, William Lorrimer, W. H. Jesse, Duncan Ross, James Blackwood, John Wall, Philip Oliver Coote, C. Morley, William Harrison, Charles Pagden, W. T. Hardaker, J. H. Hughes, Thomas Storey, E. J. Thain, Thomas J. Partridge, Joseph Clearihue, B. H. John, John Robertson, Andrew Tolmie, E. Metcalfe, Thomas Flewin, Andrew Lange, Robert Ridley, J. Christensen, C. Holtz, C. Taylor, D. Withrow, H. P. Orton, A. Jack, E. E. Wootton, I Braverman, J. Baker, Robert Mitchell, R. G. Cunningham, H. G. Ross and Ole Oleson.

When the good things provided had been disposed of President Humphrey proposed The Queen, which was loyally responded to; also The Prince of Wales and the Royal Family. The chairman also proposed The President of the United States. Vice-Consul Eure responded in an eloquent and appropriate speech. He thought it particularly meet and proper that friends should throw aside cares and meet together on a festive occasion such as this and congratulate each other on past achievements. He considered himself fortunate in representing a president who has attracted the attention of the whole civilized world, and who is the highest type of American manhood and American citizenship; a man thoroughly imbued with the necessity of principle and integrity. Since occupying his present exalted position he has inaugurated reforms against the oppressions of trusts and combines and monopolies. He closed with an eloquent peroration, in which he portrayed Victoria's celebration of her centennial and pointing with pride to the sturdy manhood, the noble and persistent efforts and business energy of the pioneers of British Columbia, who were instrumental in laying the foundation of the successful future of the province.

J. F. Partridge proposed His Excellency the Governor-General," and Thos. Flewin sang a song which met with rapturous applause.

The Lieut.-Governor was proposed by J. B. Lovell. His Honor sent a letter of regret stating that owing to indisposition he was unable to be present. The letter was full of incidents of early days in British Columbia, when the Lieut.-Governor met many of the old pioneers.

Secretary Grahame proposed the Dominion Senate, House of Commons and Local Government. Thomas Earle, M. P., was the first to respond. He thought the senate a much abused body, but it was useful in many ways. The senators were by virtue of their position much more independent than members of parliament and could therefore act as a check in all matters coming before them. He believed that the members of both houses were imbued with a desire to promote the best interests of the country. Much progress had been made throughout the country since the pioneer days of the early sixties, and we could reasonably look forward to great things being done during the next decade.

Premier J. H. Turner was of the opinion that the pioneers were the first transcontinental road builders. By walking across the plains to reach the gold fields of Cariboo, they had in a measure surveyed the way for the railway line which runs across the entire country. The pioneers were very friendly towards each other and one was not at all jealous of the prosperity of another. There were no cruel words spoken nor pen used in those days to malign the characters of the people who were helping to build up the province. The spirit of neighborly friendship and consideration could be cultivated with advantage at the present time. He trusted the people of thirty years hence could speak as favorably of the pioneers of that time as we do of those to-day. Col. Prior, M. P., and H. D. Helmcken, M. P. P., also responded in short speeches.

E. E. Wootton sang "They All Love Jack," and E. J. Thain proposed "The Army, Navy and Volunteers," to which Col. Prior responded in a short speech in which he expressed his belief that the British army and navy was in as efficient a state at present as when she won the famous battles that showed her supremacy on land and sea.

"Bridget Donahue" was then sung by A. St. George Flint in true Irish style and to the evident appreciation of those present.

C. E. Redfern, in proposing "The Mayor and Council," pointed out that he had been in Victoria for 33 years and during all that time there never was a mayor or an alderman that the people did not growl at. He supposed this grumbling had a beneficial effect as it had a tendency to make the council more careful.

Mayor Teague sent a letter of regret that he could not be present. Ald. McLellan, in response to the toast, said he would like to see Victoria made a beautiful city to live in, with good streets, good water and beautiful parks. He thought too much money was spent on education and too little on the streets and sidewalks. He believed in giving free to every child a good elementary education but after that the child's education should be paid for. The high school should be turned into a college and every pupil there should pay for his or her education. Ald. Humphrey and Bragg also responded.

J. G. Brown favored the audience with one of his old time spirited songs, and J. A. Clearihue proposed Sister Societies. T. J. Barnes responded on behalf of the B. C. Benevolent Society; J. G. Brown, for the St. Andrew's and Caledonia Society, and A. St. George Flint for the Sons of Erin.

The Bench and Bar was proposed by J. J. Austin in a short and appropriate speech. Chief Justice Davie in response was highly entertaining. He told funny stories of early days in Cariboo, which kept those present in roars of laughter. He entirely disagreed with the sentiments contained in the resolution of the W. C. T. U. at Duncan's with reference to the habit of toasting, as he believed that a man could propose or respond to a toast without drinking or getting drunk. These convivial gatherings had a tendency to smooth the furrows of life and make men forget the hard blows they give each other in political and business life. The pioneers experienced hard times in early days—harder times than at present—and they had no single tax theories or Manitoba school question to distract their attention as at the present day, but somehow they lived through these trying times. He himself had received some hard knocks in his life, and now that he had a "soft job" where people did not say hard things about him, he sometimes wished he were back to receive the sledge hammer blows dealt him by Mr. Templeman and others, as he enjoyed that sort of thing. He believed his successor fared better than he did in that respect, as the papers do not seem to go after him to the same degree. He closed with some side-splitting anecdotes of pioneer days in Cariboo. H. D. Helmcken responded in a short speech, in which he made reference to the lawyers endeavoring to introduce the Torrens land system in the province. They were not always for having money in both pockets as insinuated by the musical selection accompanying the toast, but were often acting in the interest of the public at the expense of their own interests. E. E. Wootton also responded with a short speech.

Col. Prior favored the company with a song and the Chief Justice proposed The Press in a short speech in which he stated that the press wielded an enormous influence for good or evil. The newspapers of this province were conducted by men of education and of principle. The editorials were ably written and the newspapers as a whole were superior in many ways to those published in other sections of the country.

Mr. Templeman responded. He would say in reference to the remarks of the Chief Justice referring to Mr. Turner not being criticised as severely as he was that that may be possibly for a very good reason, which he would not care to mention, but he thought it was also in a measure due to the fact that the papers are becoming less partisan. The press to a great extent reflect the character of the people, and they do not take the extreme views of public questions as formerly. He prophecied that since the proposer had spoken in such laudatory tones of the press that the bench would treat with consideration newspapers that appeared before it in a libel suit. Heretofore the press of the province had not received fair treatment at the hands of judges and juries. The Dominion libel law is a most pernicious one and should be amended. When a newspaper reports a public speaker accurately it should not be mulcted in damages for any libellous matter uttered by the speaker, as was the case of the Montreal Star some time ago, when it published a faithful report of a speech by a cabinet minister, which was libellous. The minister and not the paper was really the guilty party.

Mr. Scaife always entertained a friendly feeling towards those sturdy men who had so pluckily taken their part in laying the foundation for the success of the province. He regretted that he could not lay claim to pioneership himself, but was proud that he could claim relationship from the fact that he is a nephew of one of the best known characters of early days—a character well known to all the pioneers and familiarly called by them "Bloody Edwards." Mr. Scaife could thoroughly agree with all that had been said about the character of the newspapers of this province, but, while commending the press for the high standard of efficiency already obtained, he was of the opinion that newspaper men should not rest satisfied till their papers had reached that state of perfection when they will not only have a powerful influence in the province but be known and respected in all parts of the world.

Mr. J. McCrea of the Colonist also responded most happily.

C. E. Redfern sang "The Old Pack Mule," and all the pioneers joined in the chorus.

After the toast to The Ladies the company spent a pleasant half hour in relating stories of pioneer life and listening to some excellent songs from the Chief Justice, E. E. Wootton and Mr. Fisher. The company broke up about three o'clock after enjoying what was in the opinion of the pioneers, the most successful annual dinner held since the organization of the society in 1871.

ON THE BRIDGE OF GALATA.

A Great Place for the Study of Types of Humanity.

To see the four corners of the earth gathered in a narrow space, one must cross the bridge of Galata, that is today the bridge connecting the Christian with the Turkish quarter of Constantinople. This bridge and its population seem to appeal irresistably to all travelers, for it is a truthful and vivid picture of the life and character of the Ottoman empire. One contemporaneous historian, Kesmin Bey, author of that pungent and vivacious work, the Evil of the East, much quoted above, describes it thus:

"Here one may study the nationalities of Western Asia, of the extremity of Europe and of North Africa. We may term it the 'Bridge of Nations.' See that pasha of bestial mien and port, with his dyed eyebrows and hollow eyes under their puffy lids. He was once a Janissary. He has committed more crimes than the worst of our gallows birds; but as many men of high places are his accomplices, they have made him governor of one of the most important provinces. He is a slave to the most absurd superstition. In the morning when he rises, he throws up his fez in the air. If it falls on his head that augurs well for the day's doings; if not, woe betide that luckless wretch who appeals to him for justice! At night before entering his bedroom, he draws cabalistic signs upon the floor, and then leaps at one bound from the threshold right into bed, placed in the middle of the room. These are not all his eccentricities.

"That elegant Circassian, with a row of gold cartridge cases on his breast, that rides proudly past on a superb horse, strangled once, with his own hand, two poor young girls. The family were for bringing the murderer to justice by having recourse to law; but the Turkish government likes to flatter and keep in with the Teherkesses, for it is they who furnish the pashas' harems with the most beautiful maidens, and they who put their ferocity at the service of the great. All hope of obtaining justice had thus to be abandoned; the assassian is at large and has resumed his former functions.

'You fat Bulgarian going by can neither read nor write. He is in all respects a savage. But he had the skill to collect a small fortune, with which he bought the good will of certain pashas in the war office. And they nominated him to the post of sheep purchaser to the imperial army. By dint of adroit bargaining he became a millionaire. Today he has a palace in Stamboul and villas everywhere. In his lecherous dreams he sees the forms of adorable women. At once he sends for his painter and bids him execute portraits that must in all points faithfully answer to his description. When, after repeated correction, these pictures approach the ideal of which the Pasha dreamed, Circassian panders of the most practical sort are dispatched to the Caucasus and to the shores of the Caspian sea to bring back for their lord the type of loveliness revealed to him in sleep. Quite like a fairy tale, is it not? When this droll collector of girls goes by everyone bows; and he receives salutes from these poor soldiers, whom, to enrich himself, he allowed to starve.

"That big European wearing the rosette of the Medjidieh, is a spy in the pay of the imperial palace. His bluff manner and his boisterous good humor are his passport to all social gatherings. One is surprised to meet him everywhere, and one asks by what door he got in and by what window he will go out. On seeing him, everybody talks in a whisper; and yet people accept the hand he holds out to all. Although he talks a great deal of himself, one ear is always kept open to catch anything said behind his back. He is obliging; he will cut out paper figures to please the young folk, and is as zealous a matchmaker as any mamma with seven unmarried daughters.

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Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8 40	3 45
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FAST OCEAN MAIL SERVICE.

The British Government Adopting the American Plan of Dispatch.

London, Dec. 13.—The Cunard Company has issued a statement that the government in transferring the Germanic's mail to the Hamburg-American line steamer Normania, has been influenced by G. W. Smalley's letter from New York in yesterday's Times advocating the American system of forwarding mails by the fastest available boat.

—When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Caddo, Ind. Terr., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age, was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's cough remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future. 75 cent bottles for sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

NANAIMO.
Free Press.

Nanaimo, Dec. 13.—Ald. Arthur Wilson was presented with a requisition asking him to be a candidate for the mayoralty, but he declined on the ground that he had agreed to abide by the decision of the meeting of November 23, at which Ald. Davison was chosen as the candidate. He stated, however that he would be willing to accept a nomination for alderman for the Middle ward. It is stated that Mayor Quennell will yet take the field for a third term.

In the supreme court, before Judge Harrison, the argument as to the constitutionality of the small debts act was begun and concluded, Mr. C. Barker and Mr. E. M. Yarwood representing the negative and Deputy Attorney-General Smith the affirmative. The argument arises out of writs of prohibition applied for by Mr. Barker in the case of Worden v. McMillan, originally before the small debts court at Nanaimo, and by Mr. Yarwood in the cases of McNeill v. R. G. Cameron at Nanaimo Edwards v. Parry and Rushworth v. Parry at Union. Mr. Smith agreed that all these cases should be argued together and admitted all necessary facts. After arguments were heard and authorities cited the court took the matter into consideration.

Provincial Constable McLean was married last night to Miss Victoria Jane McGuire, of Nanaimo.

A. Challoner, driver for Smart & Thorne, was "held up" the other evening while returning from the Five Acre lots. The highwayman, who was armed with a huge revolver, let him pass when he explained that he had no money.

REVELSTOKE.
Kootenay Mail.

Winter has set in at Illecillewaet camp. The snow is about 18 inches deep on the low ground and three feet at the mines.

An English company that proposes to operate in British Columbia mines has obtained terms for a bond on two claims a few miles from Illecillewaet. The deal will be closed in March.

The Isabella, the richest grey copper claim in Illecillewaet, was worked at a former time, the ore averaging 300 ounces silver and some samples running as high as 3000 ounces to the ton. It belongs to the Lanark company and five men will be employed on it during the winter.

The steamer Kootenai, Captain Alex. Lindquist, on her trip last Tuesday morning from Wigwam to the mouth of the river, struck an obstruction, supposed to be a rock or snag, and sunk about two hundred yards above Cottonwood island. She was loaded with ties and was towing a scow loaded with rails and ties for the Arrow Lake branch.

CHICAGO MINING EXCHANGE.

To Be Instituted in the Windy City to Handle all Mining Stocks.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—A local paper says the establishment of a mining stock exchange is now an assured fact. A meeting will be held to-morrow and the papers forwarded to Springfield. John Mayo Palmer, ex-corporation counsel, who was prominent in the formation of the exchange, says 125 members have subscribed, and that immediate steps would be taken toward the establishment of the board. The scope of the enterprise has been broadened so as to include not only mines of all descriptions but mineral products. The idea is to furnish an exchange that will bear the same relation to mineral products as the board of trade does to agricultural products. The exchange will probably be known as the Chicago Mineral and Mining Board. Considerable difficulty has ben experienced by the promoters of the enterprise in the rule of the Chicago Stock Exchange prohibiting its members from joining any other exchange which deals in stocks and bonds. Mr. Palmer says that the new board proposes only to list such stocks as are to be found of sound stability. Reports will be demanded and investigations made of the companies which seek to have their stocks listed. Cripple Creek and other Colorado shares will constitute but a small part of the business of the board. Negotiations have already been tentered into for the listing of Michigan copper mining stocks, which are now extensively traded in in Boston. Montana, California, Utah and Alaska mines will be represented. After the new board is incorporated it will be but a short time before trading is begun, as much of the preliminary work has already been done and all that remains is the actual listing of the companies. Mr. Palmer says that much depends upon the character of the directorate elected. 'It will be our endeavor," he said, 'to procure men of high business standing, who will give the institution prestige which will be of great value and especially during its infancy."

GRANGERS' BANK SUSPENDS

Believed That Stockholders and Depositors Will Come Out All Right.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—As predicted, the Grangers' Bank, of this city, did not open for business yesterday. It is announced that the bank has been closed temporarily for the purpose of arranging its affairs, and that after all the debts are paid there will be a large sum to divide among the stockholders. There is a total indebtedness of $335,029. To meet this the bank has on hand $70,000 in cash and bonds, stocks, real estate, loans and discounts amounting to over one million dollars. It is believed that arrangements will be made with the other banks to re-discount much of the paper held by the bank. Thus far there have been no financial complications in the interior of the state as a result of the suspension of the Grangers' Bank, and none are anticipated.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, taken at this season, will make you feel strong and vigorous and keep you from sickness later on.

Christmas Fruits.

Valencia raisins and currents just arrived from the east; cheap and thoroughly clean, at Johns Bros., 259 Douglas street.

IS ABLE TO PAY UP

Newfoundland Goverament Say their Finances Are in Splendid Condition.

Destructive Gale Raging Along the Coast, Doing Much Damage to Ships.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 13.—The government announces that the colony's finances are in splendid condition and that all apprehension of her inability to meet her obligations is removed. The necessary steps have been taken to meet all claims for interest and other obligations due January 1.

This roseate presentation of the condition of affairs is not fully warranted, because Colonial Secretary Bond, when obtaining a loan in June last, obtained enough to meet all payments coming due to the end of the year. But still the outlook is an encouraging one.

Last night a gale raged all over the island and drove ashore the cabin steamer Pouyer Quartier and several vessels at St. Pierre, and caused much destruction along the whole coast. How much is not yet known, owing to the interruption of the telegraph service.

COMMUNICATIONS

DAY LABOR V. CONTRACT.

To the Editor: In answer to the insinuations and untruths of 'Justice" in last night's Times, let me say that the sewerage committee's report dealt with facts; it is a recital of what was done and not of what might have been. It is an accounting to the ratepayers of how the loan of 1894 was expended, and the results obtained with the money spent by the committee in day labor compared with the sums previously spent from the loan and the results obtained under certain specified contracts by the methods adopted, and I am yet to be convinced that those who have to furnish the money to pay the cost of sewers will prefer theories of what "might have been" to actual work done. "Justice" says: "The report does not show that the corporation has been charged with the water used for settling purposes, for which the contractors had to pay one cent per cubic yard." The report does not show all the material used in furnishing the water supply, such as 'pipes, (lead and iron) cocks, bibs, valves, elbows, tees, etc.," and the amount paid for labor includes the services of the waterworks staff in laying it on when required, and more than that it proves that the corporation loses money in furnishing water to contractors at "1 cent per cubic yard," even if the contractors paid their bills, which some of them did not. This is how the account stands according to the books of the engineer's office:

Labor on flush tanks, and pipes for settling trenches	$290.61
52 ft. 1 1-2 in. Gal. iron pipe	14.19
311 ft. 1-2 in. lead pipe	24.33
4 coils lead pipe	43.35
Fittings (cocks, bibs etc.)	100.60
	$473.08

So much for day labor on an expenditure of $25,229.16. Now how does it stand on the contracts?

Glover & Thomas, amount of contract, $3,016.15. Water rate at 1 cent per cubic yard, $16.00. This amount has been paid.

McGregor & Jeves, amount of contract, $10,320.00. Water at 1 cent per cubic yard, $36.40. This amount has also been paid.

Coughlan & Mayo, total amount of contracts 1 & 2, $15,100.08. Water at 1 cent per cubic yard, $42.90. This account has not ben paid (and never will be).

Harrison & Walkley, total amount of contracts 4, 5 ,6 and 7. $28,232.77. Water at 1 cent per cubic yard, $123.14. This amount has not yet been paid.

On an expenditure of $41,568.92 by contract, not counting commissioners' or inspectors' fees or legal expenses, the water bills amounted to $228.50, of which only $52.40 were paid, leaving a balance of $176.10 uncollected "to point a moral and adorn a tale." "Justice" says, "he has no doubt the corporation had a number of tools used on their work not charged against it." If he will take the committee's report and visit the pipe shed on Pandora street he can have his doubts removed by a sight of all the tools used on the work, which were in a serviceable condition when the work was completed, and he will see that the report in this particular was correct. Now as to the anvils which seems to trouble "Justice" and Alderman Partridge more than the interests of the city. The forges used have been for some time the property of the city, and are accounted for in the reports of 1894. We used them this summer and returned them in good order. If "Justice" will consult the report of the committee he will find the following items: 'blue print paper, $3; testing sewer pipe, $20." On the contracts neither of these expenditures were charged, though both were incurred, and more than offset any rental for the forges used. In compiling the committee's report the utmost care was taken to keep well within the mark, and those who signed the report have nothing to fear from the closest scrutiny of their acts.

"Justice" intimates that the object of his animus will "find to his cost" that the electors will reject him at the coming elections. If this be true no man will be better satisfied than myself. I am now in a good position to judge of the "cost."

JOHN MACMILLAN.

Victoria, Dec. 13., 1895.

To the Editor: The following letter was sent to the Colonist, but for some reason did not appear in its columns.

JOHN MACMILLAN.

To the Editor of the Colonist: For the information of 'Spectator," who is such an admirer of Ald. Partridge, I submit the following from the records of the engineer's office, and certified to as being correct:

Amount paid to water works department in connection with sewerage works executed by day labor in 1895:

Labor on flush tanks and pipes for settling trenches	$290.61
52 ft. 1 1-2 in. Gal. iron pipe	14.19
311 ft. 1-2 in. lead pipe	24.33
4 coils lead pipe	43.35
Fittings (cocks, bibs etc.)	100.60
Total cost of water used	$473.08

The anvils used were the property of the corporation and are entered in the stock account of 1894, and have been returned to the corporation shed in good repair. The alderman and his admirer are evidently displeased that we did not waste funds to buy what we already had.

The contractors were to have paid for water and Thomas & Glover and McGregor & Jeeves did so, the former $16.00, the latter $36.40, but in the offices at the city hall there are still unpaid bills (and likely to remain forever so) as follows:—Harrison & Walkely, $133.14; Coughlan & Mayo, $42.90.

The city got $473.08 for the expense incurred in furnishing water for $25,000 worth of work by day labor, and for the balance of the $102,000 spent by contract they got $52.40, and failed to get $176.10 to which they were justly entitled. This is the system for which Ald. Partridge contends, and for which he is so highly admired by "Spectator." The statement that the alderman in question only had the report for ten minutes is false. I myself gave him the report in the committee room of the city hall at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, telling him he could keep it until the council met. The report remained in his possession until some time before 4 o'clock p.m., when he of his own accord gave it to the city clerk. In conclusion, let me say I do believe a Chinaman to be "one of God's creatures," having a higher title to life than I could give him, and I intend to keep on believing so no matter who it may please or displease. If I must insult God and forget my manhood to be an alderman, I decline the honor.

JNO. MACMILLAN.

Victoria, Dec. 12.

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THE ENGLISH BAR MAID.

Long Hours, Hard Work and Poor Pay Make up Her Lot.

Nearly everybody knows her, the princess of the private bar, the duchess of the buffet, or the lady of the shades. She's all over England. There are in round figures 100,000 of her in London alone, and as many more in the British Islands. What! one-third of a million of sirens offering the intoxicating cup to the Briton and the stranger who visits him? It is a fact, declares the Philadelphia Times, and that one-third of a million have to hustle about very actively to cool the parched palates of those who seek her offices.

It is with the bar maid herself this screed deals, of the industrious, hard-worked, faithful, honest, ill-paid servant—of her long hours, the labor, the insults and scoff she has to smilingly meet, petty tyrannies of masters, the fines she has in some places to pay and the deductions made in her little wage; or the life as she lives it, not as strollers see it when she smiles pleasantly and listens patiently to some maudlin lore who hangs over the counter to retail a wearisome story. The careless girl in the railway refreshment bar may not be careless of the general interest, though she appear to be unimpressed by the necessities of an individual, and pays him only equal attention with the others on the same footing. The haughtiness of the princess of the private bar may only be a natural manner, and the duchesses of the buffet, who escape clumsy and fulsome compliments, are after all acting upon that preliminary law of self-protection.

The genesis of the bar maid is not written. Like Topsy, she just "growed." The existing generation of bar maids has various origins, however, and it will cover this part of the inquiry to say that for the most part they come from the families of small shop keepers; that is the most frequent source in the cities. They have acquired a modest education, have had a little experience in serving perhaps, and if pretty or attractive in manner they easily find a situation. Brief experience does the rest. Although the social status of a bar maid who pours sherry for a duke at the Criterion and that of her sister who fills the tankard for Tommy Atkins down near the tower is very different, their wages, duties and restrictions are not unlike. very few bar maids get £50 a year. A bar maid may rarely be found who has £52, or a sovereign a week, and she is expected to keep the accounts and post the books. The average wage in London and the south is £3 a year; in the mid-country and the north £24 and £26 is very good pay. There are not of the 19,000 or 20,000 bar maids in Manchester, a score who receive the last named sum. In London most publicans furnish two black dresses a year and aprons. In the provinces none are furnished. Board and lodging is, of course, included.

The hours of labor vary. Most publicans make it a point never to leave their bars with only one maid on duty. The object is to exercise a check upon dishonesty, but the hours of service on week days may be fairly named at fifteen—8 to 1, 2 to 6, 6:30 to 1 would perhaps cover the average working period, the reliefs simply changing their hours, not the number. One afternoon out weekly and the close hours of Sunday. The maids do not always go to bed at 1. In many public houses it is after closing that the bottles and decenters are refilled and supplies are provided. First, however, the cash is made up and an inventory made of the stock on hand. The bar is charged with so much soda water, so many bottles of beer and wine and so much liquors in the tap. What remains is counted or gauged. Into every bottle is thrust a marking rod measured off in drinks, and for all these gone since the measurement of the night before the bar maid must give quid pro quo.

The cigars and biscuits are counted, the cheese weighed, the rolls, butter pats, sausages and pies reckoned up, and then the bar maid has to settle. This operation takes time, and when finally released from her long day's toil sleep comes soon enough to those weary, weary eyes and rest to the tired limbs. The next morning before customers come in the glasses must be washed and polished, the engine for drawing beer cleaned and made to shine, the bar and sideboard cleaned, and everything made neat and tidy for another day of toil. Some very hard masters hold the bar maid responsible for broken glasses.

It seems at first blush that the quarter of a million sterling that is paid to bar maids as weekly wage in Great Britain is a vast sum. It has a more serious look when given as £10,000,000 a year. Oh! yes, these bar maids have a stake in the country. They get as much in a year as all the police and constabulary, one-half of what was voted for the increase of the navy, and a trifle more than is paid in England for board (public) schools. But a great many divide, and no one gets more than she earns of this vast sum.

There are some former bar maids high in the ranks of society. One wears with honor the coronet of a duchess. There are a score or more in the peerage. An artist, whose pictures are sought for by connoisseurs once drew mild and bitter in Greenwich. A singer, upon whose liquid notes enthralled audiences linger, served the students of Oxford in the bar of the Mitre. A distinguished London actress once helped the thirsty patrons of the Alhambra to their choice, and thousands of virtuous wives and faithful mothers give testimony to the fact that even a bar may be a stepping stone to the domestic hearth. Indeed, it is the barmaid who has some advantage of selection. It wouldn't be a venturesome thing to say that there are not a hundred bar maids in London who have been in one place a year who have not had at least one offer of marriage, some of them half a dozen.

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By order.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C.M.C.

Victoria, B.C., March 20th, 1895.

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The above reward is hereby offered for such information as shall lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons tampering or interfering in any way with any manhole, ventilator, flush tank, or other part of the sewerage system of the City of Victoria, or causing any impediment or obstruction to the proper and effective operation of any portion of the said system, except when acting under instructions from the City Engineer or Sanitary Officer.

By order.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
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Victoria, B.C., August 1st, 1895.

Notice.

Belleville Street, between McClure Street and Birdcage Walk is closed to Public traffic.

E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.

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City Hall, Oct. 15, 1895.

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Victoria, Dec. 10th, 1895. dc10-1w

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TO-DAY'S SHIPPING.

The Lumber Steamer Aladdin Arrives in Esquimalt Harbor From Hakodate.

The Rosalie Collides With and Sinks the Victoria Yacht Club's Building.

The lumber steamer Aladdin, Capt. Shjadsh, arrived in Esquimalt harbor this morning, after a stormy passage of 21 days from Hakodate. The Aladdin kept in the regular route of the ocean steamships, but saw nothing of the disabled Strathnevis. A four masted iron vessel, sailing inwards, was sighted off Cape Flattery, but at too great a distance to make out her name. The Aladdin will leave this evening for the Sound, where she loads lumber.

British bark Duke of Argyle, which left here on August 12th with a cargo of lumber, arrived at Adelaide on the 2nd inst.

While going to Hastie & Bannerman's wharf this morning the steamer Rosalie struck one of the pontoons under the yacht club-house. The pontoon filled and the house went down, the water at high tide being just above the first floor ceiling. It is feared that the buildings will be badly wrenched when the tide goes down.

Norwegian steamship Gorsedd has commenced to load lumber at Tacoma for South Africa. She will take 2,600,000 feet. The steamer was 45 days making the trip from Singapore to the Sound. Though the cancellation date of the Gorsedd's charter expired about 24 hours before she reached Port Townsend, the charterers accepted her, as her cargo was in readiness here. She will also take 500 tons of wheat.

The C. P. R. steamship Empress of India is due on Tuesday from the Orient. She has on board 1,650,000 pounds of overland freight, 325 tons measurement of raw silk and silk goods, 250 tons of general freight for Victoria and 50 tons for the Sound. There are 20 saloon and 125 steerage passengers for Victoria.

The steamer Sehome this morning brought 60 tons of wheat for Brackman & Ker.

Owing to the high winds prevailing in the straits the steamer Mischief did not leave for the West Coast till yesterday afternoon. The Maude is three or four days overdue. She is probably anchored in one of the harbors along the West Coast waiting for the storm to subside.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 13.—A gale with an average velocity of forty miles an hour, and increasing in force, is reported along the coast from Sandy Hook to Cape Henry.

London, Dec. 13.—The coasting steamer Harrington ran down and sank a fishing smack twenty miles off Whitby this morning. Ten of the crew were drowned, only one being saved by the Harrington.

The sealing schooner Diana is taking on supplies at Spratt's wharf. She will be among the first to leave for the Japanese coast.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 13.—The weather continues too bad for scores of vessels, stormbound in this port, to sail. Only one or two have arrived here during the last three days, and those which have come report severe experiences. Among the latest arrivals was the steamer Herman Winter from New York. She reports the passage unusually severe. Word from the New England ports announces that the boats on the regular lines to Boston will not sail until better weather favors. At noon to-day it was snowing lightly, but sharp north winds drove the flakes with cutting force, and with the thermometer 12 above zero, the weather was very severe. A heavy sea is running in the harbor and the tempest is increasing out at sea.

STUDENTS STOLE THE BODIES.

And Relatives of the Dead People Are Looking For the Students.

Topeka, Ks., Dec. 13.—J. E. Cuthbert, a respectable citizen, came to Topeka last night and reported that thirty of the graves were examined in the Rochester cemeteries yesterday afternoon, and twenty-one of them were empty. The medical college was without students yesterday, all having left the city to escape mob violence. Governor Merrih has offered a reward of $300 for the arrest of the grave robbers.

American News.

New York, Dec. 13.—There was a small attendance to-day when the convention of the American Federation of Labor began the fifth day. The committee on resolutions were instructed to present suitable resolutions on the death of Senator Allen G. Thurman.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 13.—At 2 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the Wann building and spread to the adjoining building. The loss, which is chiefly by water, is estimated at $65,000, and is fully covered by insurance. Five hundred employes of Guiterman Bros. are thrown out of work.

Concord, N.H., Dec. 13.—The mercury registered 26 degrees below zero here this morning.

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 13.—About fifty decision will be handed down by the court of appeals next Thursday, including the appeal of Erastus Wiman, accused of embezzlement.

WILL HOLD AN INQUEST.

Suspicions Regarding the Death of Mary Ellen Janes.

An inquest is to be held this evening to inquire into the cause of death of Mary Ellen Janes, who died yesterday at her mother's residence on Green street. The matter is in the hands of the provincial police, but all that they will say at present is that the circumstances surrounding the case are suspicious. Mr. Hayward, the undertaker, has not yet received the doctor's certificate of the cause of death. If suspicions prove true there will be a big sensation.

BURNED TO THE GROUND.

Colwood Hotel Destroyed by Fire Early This Morning.

The Colwood hotel, at the junction of the Metchosin and Goldstream roads, was burned to the ground between one and two o'clock this morning. Mr. W. McNeil, the proprietor, and his wife were in town at the time, having left the house early last evening. There is a suspicion that the place was set on fire, the perpetrators taking advantage of the absence of Mr. McNeil. The building was owned by Mr. A. Bechtel and was insured for $1,000 in the Aetna company. The furniture was insured for the same amount in the Commercial Union Assurance Company.

The blaze could be plainly seen from the city, and appeared to be in the vicinity of Esquimalt. Chief Deasy started out towards Esquimalt, but turned back when he located the fire.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Events of Interest in the Amateur and Professional Field.

THE TURF.

IN THE GENTLEMEN'S RACES.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Lord Shelto Douglas thinks that the Ingleside race track offers a good field for him to display his ability as a horseman. His lordship wants to shine as a jockey in the proposed gentlemen's races, which will in all probability take place next Wednesday. He has written a letter to "White Hat" McCarthy's son Joe, telling of his experience as a horseman, and asking the son of the famous turfman to lend him a horse on the occasion of his appearance as a horseman. He will ride at 130 pounds.

THE GUN.

ALBERT EDWARD'S MISHAP.

London, Dec. 13.—The Prince of Wales, while shooting on Sir Edward Lawson's estate at Beaconsfield, yesterday, had some grains of powder from his gun blown into his right eye. The doctor was summoned and applied fomentations and cocaine, which allayed the pain and allowed His Royal Highness to return to London in the evening.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The following team will represent the Y. M. C. A. in a game to be played with the Junior Wanderers at the College grounds, Beacon Hill, to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock: Goal, McCrossan; backs, C. Cullen and W. Lorimer; half-backs, Fowkes, Lorimer and Cusack; forwards, Scott, Erskine, F. Cullen, W. York and L. York. All members of the Y. M. C. A. Rugby team are requested to attend for Rugby practise at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

VICTORIA V. THE NAVY.

The last of the series of these matches will be played to-morrow afternoon in the Caledonian grounds. This will be the last appearance on the local football field of the now celebrated Navy fifteen, as they leave shortly for England. The previous matches have all been keenly contested, and there is no reason to doubt that to-morrow's game will be fully up to the usual standard. The Hon. A. V. Stanley will blow his whistle at 2.45 sharp, when the Victoria team will line up as follows: Full back, H. Petticrew; three-quarters, J. M. Miller (captain), J. F. Foulkes, C. Gamble and K. Scholefield; halves, F. Smith and J. F. Sugrue; forwards, L. Crease, A. D. Crease, J. K. Macrae, J. A. Austin, F. Wollaston, A. Langley, A. A. Green and F. Ward. A practise game will be played on the Hill at the same time, when teams will be chosen on the field.

YACHTING

London, Dec. 13.—Lord Dunraven will sail for New York on Wednesday next in order to assist the committee of the New York yacht club in its investigation of charges brought out by his lordship against Defender.

PERSONAL.

A. R. Johnston, of Nanaimo, is in the city.

Dr. Watt returned from the Mainland yesterday.

John Bell, of Nanaimo, is registered at the Oriental.

Capt. Libby came down from the Sound this morning.

Mr. Rhodes came over from Vancouver last evening.

Fred Tingley, of Ashcroft, is registered at the New England.

Chris Spencer has left for England to make another purchase for the Arcade.

D. J. McLachlan and wife, of New Westminster, are guests at the New England.

Officer J. Scharschmidt has gone to Union, as assistant to Provincial Officer Hutcheson.

H. Abbott, superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., H. J. Cambie and J. P. Geddes, of Vancouver, are at the Driard.

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FOOD ADULTERATION.

Very Few Articles That Are Not More or Less Doctored.

A recent report of Dairy and Food Commissioner Wells, of Pennsylvania, names so many food products which are adulterated as to raise a query as to what is not adulterated. Among the many impure things sold are allspice, which often is mainly composed of ground and roasted cocoanut shells; baking powder, beef, wine and iron prepared as a tonic; butter, buckwheat flour, candy, catsup, cider, cheese, cinnamon, cloves—the latter made almost entirely from ground cocoanut shells, the odor and taste of cloves being scarcely perceptible—coffee—consisting chiefly of coffee screenings or damaged coffee, but sold at a high price as a pure article; fresh "Java" made from wheat and barley hulls, roasted with sugar and containing no coffee; codfish not codfish at all—merely cheap dried fish; cream of tartar adulterated with flour; flaxseed adulterated with starch; fruit butters, such as apple butter, peach butter, etc., very seldom pure, being adulterated with starch waste and salicylic acid. The same is true of grated pineapple; ginger adulterated with ash, rice hulls, rice flour and cayenne pepper; lard, maple syrup, made from commercial glucose thinned with 20 per cent. of water, mixed spices, orange juice, lemon oil, lemon phosphate, molasses, mustard, olive oil, pepper, vinegar, vanilla extract, all kinds of preserves, extract of strawberries and tea. To add to the deception, a few apple seeds are scattered through the so-called fruit jams, or timothey or other seeds are added to the mixture to represent raspberry, strawberry, etc. The production of artificial colors is particularly common in confections. Indigo, turmeric, annatto, logwood and cochineal are used in great quantities, and are probably not harmful, arsenic, copper and leads are very deleterious, but are not now used as much as in former times, before sanitary officials made such persistent attacks upon them. Milk and milk products are often colored. Annatto is very commonly used by dairymen to give a rich yellow color. In itself annatto is probably harmless, but it produces deceptive results.—New York Evening Post.

MISSIONS AND MAXIM GUNS.

Time For a Review of the Results of Mission Work.

To many persons it appears that the time has arrived when the directors of British missionary societies and those engaged in spreading missionary doctrines should agree to give to their fellow-subjects a general review of the actual results of foreign missions during the last century. If the net results of a hundred years of work has been good for mankind and the empire, then the fifty-four principal Protestant missionary headquarters in Great Britain may fairly claim increased support and will certainly exercise a wider influence on the fact being established. Over a million sterling is now spent annually on British Protestant missions. At the beginning of the century, according to Scott Robinson, the total sum contributed for Protestant missions scarcely amounted to £50,000. Our foreign office is constantly engaged in forcing the Chinese government to repair the wrongs and redress the grievances of missionaries. Diplomatic trouble with China is at this moment threatened on account of a massacre, the origin of which is not clear.

Considering the fact that the English people have not yet agreed what form of theological doctrine shall be taught in their own schools, and that the mere hint of a theological concordat from Grindelwald has aroused more immediate interest than anything except the Valkyrie fiasco, it does seem only fair that the government of England should not only hold aloof from all dogmatic teaching of the heathen, but should give denominational missionaries clearly to understand that if they choose to run risks, it is they, and not the taxpayers of the country, who must take the consequences. When Livingstone converted the Chief Sechele, the latter inquired whether he should thrash his tribe into accepting the truths of the gospel. Livingstone declined to accept the offer, preferring to trust to the effects of example, conviction and faith.

The British navy is not the auxiliary of warring creeds, and the more nearly the nation realizes the Christian ideal, the more it will recoil from the notion of spreading the gospel by means of gunboats or revenging martyrs by Maxim guns. A royal commission on the results of missionary labors during the past century would furnish a report of the greatest value and interest, and would give to untrammelled Englishmen an opportunity of forming an impartial judgment on questions that are now under dispute.—Arnold White, in the Observer.

Rauwolf was the first European writer to mention the use of coffee as a beverage. His allusion to it was written in 1582.

The first English writer alluding to the use of coffee was Burton, who mentions it in his "Anatomy of Melancholy."

The first coffe house in London was opened in 1652 by a Greek. It is said there had previously been one in Oxford.

The South American Indians generally use some flavoring for cocoa, the favorite for this purpose being the vanilla bean.

DIED.

JANES.—In this city on the 11th instant, Mary Ellen, only daughter of the late Alfred and Jane Janes, a native of Clackamas county, Oregon, in the 24th year of her age.

The funeral will take place on Sunday, December 15th, at 2 o'clock, from the family residence, 13 Green street, and at St. Barnabas church, at 2:30 p.m.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

EASTON.—On the 13th instant, at No. 20 San Juan avenue, James Hay, Catherine, beloved wife of W. Easton, aged 31 years, a native of Hawick, Scotland.

The funeral will take place at 2 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday). Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound.—J F Wickmon, Mrs Easton, Capt Libby, Mrs Cameron, P Carleson, G L Corden.

Per steamer Islander from Vancouver.—H Abbott, J A Thomson, J M Appleby, J R Ker, F C Tingley, T O Townley, H J Cambie, J P Geddes, E Mohun, W T Patterson, E A Jenns, Mrs H Rhodes, Miss Vincent, W Jameson, C H Heaps, R B Leslie, L G McPhillips, J. Bultimer, O P Stainer, Mrs Nelson, Dr. Watt, W Rafuse, Mrs A W Hardy, Mrs Patterson and son, J H Freeman, Miss Neelands, Mrs F Schneider, R Elliott, J Jones, Mrs Hartley, L A Lewis, John Stewart, R B Calley, Mrs Neelands, Miss Bell, and Mrs Jones.

Per steamer Sehome from the Sound.—Miss Hall, Miss McDonald, W T Holmes, F Henkley, H Babin, W Ireland, J Richardson, E C Theill, J Clark, H S Ening, S Stratton, T Allan, Geo Lewis, J Barrett, Mrs Boyd, Miss Darrell, T Fawcett, F Leroy, B Kinkade, E Enrick, T Cantwell, J Dunsdale, C Palmer, R Kline, Otto Pearson.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer City of Kingston from the Sound.—Turner, Beeton & Co., Lenz & Leizer, C A Lombard, E B Marvin & Co, D H Ross & Co, Weiler Bros, G Yanti, J H Todd & Son, Langley & Co, and Charles Hayward.

Per steamer Islander from Vancouver.—Lenz & Leiser, Rev F L Stephenson, Pitner & Leiser, E G Prior, W H Adams, J H Brown, Lowenberg & Co, J H Ker, E A Morris, Okell & M, J B Taylor, R J Nott, J R Collister, Vict Chem Wks, Wm Gill, Vic Elec Co, Martin & R, Wm Dalby, H B Co, Wm Lough, Wilson Bros, Dom Ex Co, Weiler Bros, Vroom & McMillan, Colonist P Co, J T Johnston, A C Martin, J W Winslow, Wm Wilby, J Hutcheson, Shore & Anderson, C G Russell, Langley & Co, H Webber, J Somers, Speed Bros, Hickman Tye & Co, Nicholles & R.

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